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CHAPTER XI.

SUNSHINE AND MOONSHINE.

CHAPTER XVII.

THE IRON DUKE.

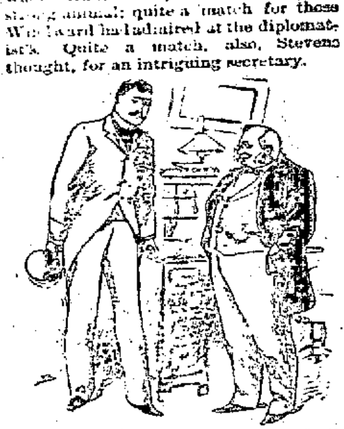
Stevens found the Iron Duke, like all great Americans, easily accessible. The call boy who took up the card returned with a request that the visitor come up at once; and so, following the servant, Stevens proceeded directly to an upper room in the hotel, where the railroad man was found alone and busily writing at a disorderly desk.

"Mr. Stevens?" he asked, glancing at the card.

"Yes, sir," the visitor replied, a little clumsily, in spite of his wrath and resolution. He had lived in Washington long enough to lose his fear of statesmen, but here was a man who made senators and used them to run his errands. It was not surprising that in the august presence of millions the young clerk's voice faltered.

"From Mr. Atwood?" asked the magnate, courteously, yet with the economy in speech of a man whose time was worth anywhere from a mere routine two thousand a week to half a million a minute.

"Yes, sir. And as he spoke the young man studied the railroad king. It was a stern face the young man fronted, a heavy, stolid, cruel face. The head was big and round, the throat short and thick, the shoulders and chest broad, the whole frame burly. He, too, was a strong animal; quite a match for those Windward had admired at the diplomatist's. Quite a match, also, Stevens thought, for an intriguing secretary.



"Oh, ho!" exclaimed the magnate. "Smitten with brass buttons, is she?"

The magnate signified that the dictation should begin, and he set the pace at the speed of one of his express trains, running as rapidly and for as brief intervals. Possibly he was testing the new engineer. The stenographer had no time to catch the bearings of the flying words, but even in his modest speed he could not help perceiving one extraordinary feature of the correspondence. In the course of two or three confidential notes to gentlemen who seemed to be special friends, the "Old Man" betrayed the company's, and presumably his own, secrets precisely on the lines which Mr. Atwood had taken a few hours previously. This discovery effectively dispelled whatever promptings to denounce treason lingered in Stevens' purpose, and it rather transferred his indignation from servant to master.

"That is all," said the magnate, finally, "Now you'll extend the letters by breakfast?"

Stevens knew that meant an all night session, but he would not weaken, or disappoint the hard, rich man. "Yes, sir," he said, finally.

"All right," from the magnate. "Can you come again to-morrow?"

"I'm in a department," said Stevens.

The magnate grunted his displeasure. "Well, get out of it then."

"Yes, if I could find work," said Stevens, desperately. "Something to make me worth"——

"Money?" interrupted the railroad king. "Well, maybe"——

Stevens was angry and reckless. It was none of this coarse, rich man's business; still he must find a vent. "No; a woman. I love a woman who won't have me. How's money to buy her?"

"Easily," observed the king with the most irritating coolness. "Is she married? Sit down, sir; we'll discuss that."

What is impertinence in common people is often only kindly interest in the case of a millionaire, and tolerated, to say the least. Stevens blushed redder yet, but he sat down and said, "No; she isn't married."

"Not married," repeated the King; "well, so she won't have you. That's what they always say."

"I haven't asked her," said Stevens, looking very sour and sheepish. The latter part of the interview was rapidly becoming more awkward even than the first.

It now seemed the magnate's turn to show anger and impatience. "Haven't asked her!" he exclaimed; "why not?"

"Because," replied Stevens sullenly, "I know she would refuse me."

"Well, suppose she did?" retorted the magnate testily. "My wife did; that's part of the fun."

"But she ought to refuse me," cried Stevens, determined to have no mercy on himself; "I am not the man for her."

"Oh, dammit!" was the king's profane but very expressive comment on this rueful speech. And then for the first time he smiled, and his tone grew gentle, as he said: "What sort of a woman is she anyway?"

Just here there came a tap at the door and the servant entered, bearing a senator's card.

"Tell him I'll be disengaged in a few minutes," said the magnate, and then turning to the young man, when they were alone once more, he said with a strange tenderness: "Come, tell me about your girl!"

"Oh, she is a beautiful young woman, and all that's good. I've thought of her for years and now she is here, visiting her brother, my best friend, but she is not for me, I see that."

"Why?" demanded the king.

"Well, I'm such a commonplace individual, I suppose, for one reason," replied Stevens, in a tone of self contempt.

"Commonplace!" retorted the millionaire. "Gad, I don't think so, and I'll back my judgment of men against a woman's."

"Well, then," continued Stevens sulkily, "I think she loves, or at least favors, another, a man she has met here, a lieutenant in the navy."

"Oh, ho!" exclaimed the magnate. "Smitten with brass buttons, is she? I guess," he added dryly, "it is she, not you, that is commonplace. Ah, how old is she?"

"About 22, I believe."

"Humph!" muttered the king, his harsh manner returning. "Old enough to know better. You might expect such tricks in eighteen. Are you sure she isn't a fool—a silly, shallow woman, with all her stock in the front window, like a French shop?"

"Oh, no, indeed!" exclaimed Stevens. "She is a true, fine woman."

"Yes, I suppose so," replied the king, snappishly, and yet with a smile. "Well, then, go for her. Tell her you love her. There is no love potion like a declaration; that generally does the business, after one or two refusals anyhow. And don't be bluffed. Keep at her. The women have a saying among themselves that a persevering man is the enemy of the sex." Here he rose to indicate, after the manner of monarchs, that the interview had terminated, and stretching out his hand to the young man, said:

"I'll expect you in the morning. I wish you well with the girl; don't be afraid of her, or of that tuppenny lieutenant either. Let us see, have I your address?"

"I live where Mr. Atwood does—at Mrs. Ex's," said Stevens.

"Ah, yes," replied the magnate. "Your lady lives"——

"There also," said Stevens. "Miss Bassett is her name; and the lieutenant's name is Quire, and he boards with us too. There, I think you have it all now!" He smiled as he spoke, in spite of himself.

The king bowed gravely. "I believe I understand the situation. I bid you good evening, sir."

Stevens walked briskly home, excited and exhilarated by the interview. Somehow, he could not tell why, he believed the tide had changed, and was now on the flood. Without definite cause for exultation he felt triumphant; perhaps it was the simple magnetism of the great man he had just left, who always succeeded. Be the reason what it might, the spirit of victory was in his heart, and it shone in his features as he entered the chamber where Windward was impatiently awaiting his return.

"You didn't tell him, I fancy?" he said, smiling.

"No, but sometime I'll tell you an interesting tale," replied Stevens mysteriously.

And that was all Windward was able to get out of him; so, finally, in despair he changed the subject.

"You missed some good stories, Peter, by being away," he said; "Lieut. Quire was in our rooms for a while, and told a lot of 'yarns' about jolly fish that curled like apple parings, and the games sailors have aboard ship and how he climbed a volcano. Say, Stevens, what do you think about Quire, anyway?"

"Oh, I don't know," airily replied Stevens, the confidant of millionaires. "He's a good enough sort of a fellow, handsome and all that; a 'jolly young sea dog'—by the way, I suppose a 'young sea dog' is a sea puppy? Oh, I like him."

"He's very entertaining," ventured Windward in rather a subdued manner. "Evidently," thought he, "something is up." And secretly he thought his friend might be a little more communicative.

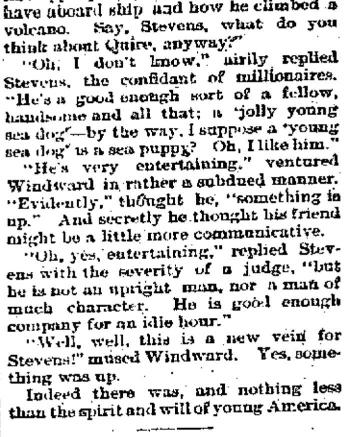
"Oh, yes, entertaining," replied Stevens with the severity of a judge, "but he is not an upright man, nor a man of much character. He is good enough company for an idle hour."

"Well, well, this is a new vein for Stevens!" mused Windward. Yes, something was up.

Indeed there was, and nothing less than the spirit and will of young America.

CHAPTER XVIII.

A TEMPORARY SUPPLY.



He leaned over to Stevens and whispered.

After scarcely more than a nap Stevens came to the breakfast table the next morning in a very battered condition. He was eating his breakfast with a relish, however, when the servant brought in a card for him which paralyzed his appetite on the instant.

"The gentleman said he'd like to see you a moment," explained the servant.

"Certainly!" exclaimed Stevens, tossing his napkin into the buckwheat cakes and rushing out of the room.

Miss Sophia leaned over and took up the card the young man had left beside his plate. "Why, Liddy!" she exclaimed, "it must be Mr. Atwood he wants to see. Mr. Atwood left yesterday."

"No, Miss; he said Mr. Stevens," replied Liddy.

"Well, I wonder what he wants of Mr. Stevens!" exclaimed the amiable spinster, handing the card to her neighbor, the lieutenant. He was at a loss to know, in fact couldn't guess. And her query ran around the table unanswered. Even Windward was forced to confess he could not tell. What on earth could the magnate want of Peter Stevens? It took away not only his appetite, but all their appetites.

"I'm going into the back parlor, where I can get a good look at him," whispered Miss Sophia.

"I am too," whispered Florence. "Quick, before he gets away!"

"Pshaw, Floy, be quiet!" expostulated Mrs. Bassett, and then she got up and followed the two young ladies.

Meanwhile Stevens had gulped down his last mouthful and had met his visitor in the parlor, who apologized for interrupting him at his meal, and said he found it necessary to walk that way and had called for the notes.

Just here there was a rustle of dresses in the back parlor, and flitting visions of ladies, passing to and fro on what were probably fictitious errands, were to be seen.

"I'll expect you at my rooms at 6 o'clock to-night," said the magnate. And then, his business despatched, his manner underwent a magical change. He leaned over to Stevens and whispered, "Let's see your girl!" And as he spoke he winked; he did, the magnate winked.

Of course, after this there was nothing to do but to present the ladies, a feat Stevens accomplished with a tact and ease surprising to himself, and in the patter of compliments and small talk that followed he again appeared to advantage.

There was something in the magnate's society that aroused what was best in him and brought it into play. As for the ladies, they were delighted and all smiles; while the magnate unbent and was as jolly and noisy as a boy. But it was soon over, for their visitor kept one eye on his watch, and after a few moments excused himself, promising to call soon again. Miss Sophia accompanied him to the door, heard him repeat his directions to Stevens, bade him "sweetly adieu," closed the door slowly and regretfully after a last look at his retreating figure, and then with cunning negligence dropped his card on the top of the collection on the tray, where it staid all that winter in spite of dustings and fresh cards and the havoc of gusts of wind or careless servants.

Miss Sophia and Stevens returned to the parlor to find all tongues wagging in praise of their new acquaintance.

"He is certainly very agreeable," said Mrs. Bassett.

"I say, Stevens," chimed in the lieutenant, gayly, "I've got to go to New York soon. You couldn't get me a pass, could you?"

"Aren't you glad we slipped in!" exclaimed Floy to Miss Sophia. "I think he's charming; and not a bit 'awful.'"

"Oh, how funny it felt to shake hands with him," cried Miss Sophia. "It was like taking that $10,000,000 bundle of bonds in your hand at the treasury—only he's alive!"

"I've read in the papers," said the lieutenant, "that he's just as simple and kind and fond a man in his family as you can imagine."

"I shouldn't wonder," said Miss Sophia, reflectively. "Why, Mr. Stevens, how did you get acquainted with him?"

"Oh, I'm doing some work for him," was the modest reply.

Windward all this time said nothing; but he had noticed everything, and it was beyond him. Something was up, but what?—that was the question. Well, he should know as soon as anybody; and meanwhile he was happy to see Stevens so happy, and he rejoiced to see him showing at length in his fairest colors and to be again taking, as in the old times, a central place. Certain it was, his stock had risen a hundred per cent. within half an hour—such was not an uncommon occurrence in neglected stocks that were suddenly found to be enjoying the magnate's favor and support.

When finally the excitement had died down and the two friends were left alone Windward congratulated Stevens very heartily on his opportunity.

"I fear," said Stevens, "that this will interfere with my evening work on the claim, for I suspect the 'Old Man' is exacting, and I want to do well."

"Oh, of course," replied Windward humbly. "All I ask is, as Quire said, that you give me a pass now and then when you are running the road."

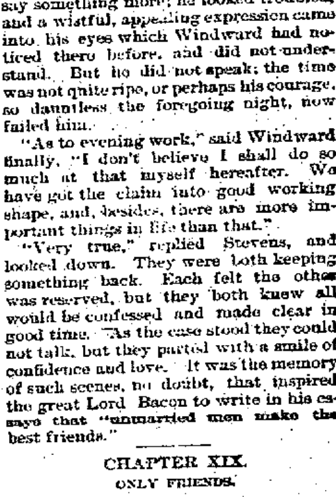
"Seriously," said Stevens—and his face at that moment did not belie his words—"I think this may be my chance. It is possible that here and now is a great crisis in my life." He seemed anxious to say something more; he looked troubled, and a wistful, appealing expression came into his eyes which Windward had noticed there before, and did not understand. But he did not speak; the time was not quite ripe, or perhaps his courage, so dauntless the foregoing night, now failed him.

"As to evening work," said Windward finally, "I don't believe I shall do so much at that myself hereafter. We have got the claim into good working shape, and, besides, there are more important things in life than that."

"Very true," replied Stevens, and looked down. They were both keeping something back. Each felt the other was reserved, but they both knew all would be confessed and made clear in good time. As the case stood they could not talk, but they parted with a smile of confidence and love. It was the memory of such scenes, no doubt, that inspired the great Lord Bacon to write in his essays that "unmarried men make the best friends."

CHAPTER XIX.

ONLY FRIENDS.



"Yes," whispered Windward, "you know it is you I love."

It was the claim, therefore, that evening that had the go by. Stevens scratching away again for dear life at the hotel at the dictation of the magnate, who set a furious pace and kept it up for hours.

But finally he stopped, and instantly his peremptory manner vanished and was succeeded by the half amused and yet sincerely kind bearing which characterized him as soon as he touched on the personal relations of his new protege. Stevens was still gathering his papers together, when the magnate suddenly leaned over toward him, much as he had done in the parlor in the morning, and exclaimed:

"She's a nice girl; very pretty, and looks, too, as if she could bake good bread. I'd go for her. Give her some flowers. Well, be here at eight o'clock to-morrow evening. Good night."

Windward, meanwhile, was spending the evening very differently, though the claim was having no better attention from him than from his truant partner. But, poor thing, it was used to neglect!

Windward, it had appeared that night after dinner, was to devote the evening to Miss Willis and the theatre, not much to Floy's liking, for she wanted to go herself, and she did not care to have her brother take that Willis girl so often. Possibly she intimated as much to the lieutenant, who had followed the ladies into the parlors, or perhaps he divined the unspoken trouble, for Mendelssohn did not write all the songs without words. At any rate he was the sort of man who when in doubt plays a trump, especially if the suit is hearts, and so he spoke out manfully at once:

"Suppose we don't let Windward have all the fun! Let's all four make a party and go!"—the quartet taking in Stevens, Miss Sophia, Florence and himself, as indicated by a graceful gesture. But then, of course, Stevens had to plead his engagement with the magnate, and Miss Sophia was tied up, it seemed, in a church festival ("He know it, the hateful thing!" she thought in not a very saintly or festive spirit); so it resolved itself, as it had done before, into a cozy little party of two. Oh, but the lieutenant was sly!

Hence Mr. Quire went one way to dress, and Florence another, and Windward a third, while Stevens and Miss Sophia also went their respective ways, meditating revenge.

Windward made a very careful toilet that night, as we are told was the custom among the Spartan youth, also, when about to face a great danger. Then he set out, with a bunch of flowers hidden in his overcoat, and reported himself in good time at the cozy home of the bewitching Miss Clara. She, too, had been making pretty faces at a twin sister in quicksilver, until at length the sketch in the glass had nodded its approval and declared her perfect to the last ribbon and feathery spray of flossy hair. And then, and not till then, she tripped down stairs as smiling as a May morning, though possibly that comparison is hardly fair, either, for those same May days are dangerous too. Very often they catch men off their guard, so that while they are eulogizing the balmy weather they are contracting influenza colds, pneumonia, pleurisy and a graveyard cough.

But there was nothing chilly about Miss Willis; she danced with delight at the prospect of the good time ahead, petted the dear, lovely flowers and made Windward's cheeks burn with her fond looks and speeches. And off they went into the night, laughing and chatting, Clara throwing back a last, gay defiance to her mother, who stood warning, reproving and admiring her from the doorstep; away they went, Clara nestling under her protector's arm and "rattling on" in her own peculiar and delightful style. What a jolly girl! She seemed made, as the Chinese make their portraits, without shadows.

Florence had once slightingly called her "useless;" well, what then? So was Florence, so were most girls. "As for me," thought Windward, as he drew Miss Clara even more snugly under his arm, "I want a useless girl—as useless as a rose, or a gem, or a song."

In truth, he had full time for such dangerous meditations, for Miss Clara's theories on the division of labor in conversation gave her companion ample leisure to muse on the charms of the brisk little lady beside him. As heretofore explained, his part in the talk consisted in exclaiming "Indeed!" and "How very interesting!" at the proper moment, and while to do this well is more difficult than it seems, and, indeed, requires conversational powers of a high order, it still permitted him to dwell with silent rapture on a merry face, radiant with health and good nature, framed in its fluffy aureole of rebellious hair, and to note the other perfections of the plump, jolly, young witch. How very, very cozy such a puss would look in the corner along with the other bric-a-brac!

This evening, however, Windward had a motive for wishing to take a more active share in the discourse, or for at least giving it direction. He wished—in fact, he was resolved—to interject McArdle into the conversation, and, watching his chance, he at length succeeded, Miss Clara yielding the more readily because if there was any one person more than another of her acquaintance that she liked to talk about it was the laconic colonel. She gossiped about him, therefore, to her heart's content in an odd, vivacious mixture of school girl praise and blame. Her anecdotes and smart speeches failed, however, to shed much light on the colonel's history, and so, hoping to make more progress on the other tack, Windward brought the conversation around to the subject of Louise; and here again Clara had a ready made theme.

"She's splendid, but she's deep; that's the only trouble with Lou Sheffield; she certainly is deep."

"Ah!" said Windward, anxious for details.

"Yes, she's deep," exclaimed Clara. "For instance, she don't care much for dress. Oh, no! But she knows how to match her complexion the best I ever knew of."

"Oh!" said Windward, with a tinge of disappointment in his voice.

"But hasn't she manners, though!" exclaimed Miss Willis, with genuine enthusiasm. "I remember"—and here she burst out in a peal of laughter, "I remember the colonel saying to me once in his solemn way, 'Louise is deeply religious, but a perfect lady, I assure you, a perfect lady.'"

And having thus brought the colonel again to mind she pelted him behind his back with verbal bonbons till the delicious fuss at the theatre lobbies and aisles absorbed her whole attention.

After that was over and the vivacious little maiden seated and composed her bright eyes began to count her friends and take the census of the new hats. While thus busied she burst in on some commonplace remark of her escort with the exclamation:

"Why, there's your sister, with Lieut. Quire."

"Where?" asked Windward, giving a little start. "Why, so she is."

"She's real pretty, isn't she?" exclaimed Clara, and added laughingly, "runs in the family—ahem!"

"You can afford to see beauty in other women," replied Windward, gallantly. Whereupon Clara made a mouth and craned her neck as if to see around behind her companion, with the explanation that she was looking after a laugh on the back of his head.

"You won't find it, Miss Willis," said Windward, with impressive gravity. "I am not double faced."

"That's right!" she replied, encouragingly. "That's my way. I talk right out."

"Do you know Lieut. Quire?" asked Windward.

"Oh, yes, some," she answered. "He's—Say, I'm prying, I know, but is it true they're engaged?"

"Who?" exclaimed Windward, astonished. "Floy and Quire?"

"Yes, I heard so," said Clara, innocently.

"Why, no," said Windward, casting a rather alarmed look over to where the pair were sitting. "Not that I know of. No, I guess not. Certainly not."

"I didn't know," said Clara demurely. "They're much together."

"Unfortunately that may not always follow," gasped Windward, not daring to look at his seatmate.

"Unfortunately?" she repeated, sweetly befogged. "You mean you would like the match?"

"Come, Windward, be a man!" he thought, and his head swam. But no, this was not the time or place; and, besides, there was that pledge to his mother. He trembled—but at that instant the drums and trumpets struck up, and the crisis was averted. And though the play was tender, and once or twice the talk between the acts grew ominous, the curtain fell on the stage comedy with suspense still reigning outside.

Then Windward proposed a lunch, and as Miss Clara's recreations had fastened upon her the bad habit of a midnight appetite, the suggestion met with favor. They turned their steps, therefore, to a fashionable restaurant, to find, to their surprise, Lieut. Quire and Floy in a cozy corner with the waiter bending over them. There was nothing to do then, of course, but to put on a smile and make a party of it, though it was provoking, and a little awkward all around. Windward—and possibly Mr. Quire also—was anxious, as it happened to be, on this particular occasion, exclusive. But the fates were adverse. So the only thing left was to order a good supper, with no nonsense or sentiment in it, and divide the bill.

The waiter explained that in oysters they had Tangiers, St. Jeromes, Linn Haven Bays, Cherrystones, Seasides, Absecoms, Saddle Rocks, Morris River Cove, Rappahannocks and Point Lookout, and could serve them steamed, stewed, fried, broiled and roast, as well as raw, or as oyster pie, oyster pastry or chafing dish. The party hesitated, debated and finally quarreled, the ladies choosing a cooked dish, while the two gentlemen showed the true cultus by preferring theirs on the half shell.

Then came a time of waiting, rendered shorter by that same time killer that stole fourteen years of Jacob's life almost before he knew it. Whatever Clara was or was not she was certainly good company; and to-night, excited by the play, the late hours, the surroundings and the interesting possibilities, she sparkled with merry graces. Even Florence was won into laughter and admiration, though she would not and could not think of that girl as a sister.

But must she face that fate? She doubted it. She studied Miss Willis all that hilarious half hour very carefully. Upon the whole she was very glad they had thus met. No; she felt safe, and safe because her keen observation confirmed her woman's instinct that Miss Willis did not love her brother. Further than that, moreover, she believed the hateful thing was trifling with him, the foolish fellow, and she should tell him so plainly on the morrow. He evidently was beguiled, how deeply she could not quite determine. It was unfortunate, and ridiculous also; she would have a frank, sisterly talk with him, and that at once. Whatever happened, that empty headed Willis girl should not make a fool of him.

And Windward, on his part, was looking over his plate at his sister, wondering what there might be in that absurd query Miss Willis had put to him. He did not think it possible, and yet he decided to have a frank, brotherly talk with her at once. And Miss Willis and the lieutenant had their own thoughts, too, so that in spite of every one's anxiety to be vivacious and entertaining, there came now and then lapses of silence or an absent minded reply to a gay sally.

The party left the restaurant together, but, as by tacit consent, the homeward paths diverged at an early corner, where the good-bys were exchanged without a very loitering farewell parley at the curb.

And now, for one throbbing heart at least, came a trying time. The moon was up in all her glory, while the shy stars peered through the elfish haze to watch the antics of belated lovers. "Might it not be as well now as any time?" pondered Windward. To be sure, he had promised to do nothing irrevocable without his mother's knowledge and approval, and yet the time and the mood favored. How would it do to follow the vigorous western plan of hanging the prisoner first and trying him afterward? Well, he would see; to plan at such a moment was beyond or below him. He was in the hands of fate.

But how to begin or what to say on any subject but the one that trembles on the lips, but may not pass them! It was fortunate that Windward was expected to sustain only such a negative share in discourse, and yet to-night she, too, now seemed to falter in her gossip, her fertility of odd expression forsook her, and there came stretches of embarrassed silence, till finally in despair Windward began again on McArdle and his relation to Louise—the deference he paid her, the intimacy and the necessity each seemed to be to the other.

Miss Willis agreed it was charming, and then suddenly bursting out in a nervous laugh that was half a cry, she exclaimed:

"I believe you are jealous!"

"I jealous!"—repeated Windward, amazed.

"Yes, jealous!" she cried, with a pout and a toss of her head. "I believe you're in love with Louise Sheffield yourself and actually jealous of her uncle!"

"Pshaw, Clara!" he began. He had said it—Clara! And it had come as naturally as the breath that bore it. His heart beat wildly. It throbbed against his ribs like an imprisoned thing that must be freed or die. To the winds with reason, prudence, obedience and every bailiff and fetter of the soul!

"Pshaw, Clara!" he repeated huskily. "You know better!"

"I know better!" she said, nestling closer on his arm and looking up appealingly in sweet solicitation to have her doubts resolved.

"Yes," whispered Windward, "you know it is you I love—yes, you, fondly"——

"Oh! Mr. Bassett!" she interrupted, with an alarmed look, withdrawing her arm to only a timid touch. "Oh! please don't!"

"Yes, I mean it, Clara; my Clara! Oh, you cannot"—he caught the vanishing little hand in his and pressed it fervently. Speak, Clara! Let us be happy!"

"Oh, Mr. Bassett!" she exclaimed. "I'm so sorry. I didn't suppose you felt that way."

The solid ground was reeling under him. Was it possible—had he failed? "Miss Willis," he gasped. "Clara" no longer coming spontaneously to his lips, "I want you to love me; say yes, say yes."

"Oh, dear!" sighed the little lady. "Who would have thought it? Why, it's dreadful! I like you so much, and I supposed we were just good friends. But don't you know, of course you don't, though, for it's a great secret."

"What is?" groaned Windward.

"Why, Mr. Bassett, I'm engaged," she said. "Yes, there! So you see it couldn't be; but you won't tell, for it's a secret, so you can judge what confidence I place in you, and how much I think of you."

The stars fell from heaven, the birds lost their voices, the perfume faded from the flowers, love had failed, and youth was over.

"Engaged!" he echoed faintly. "No, I didn't know about that."

"Oh, it's a great secret," she rattled on. "Yes, my heart is not my own, but we have been such good friends, Mr. Bassett; you are so—so splendid! Such a gentleman! Why, I didn't suppose you were in earnest that way, you know. You liked me, of course; I saw that, and we have had such jolly times together, and getting so well acquainted! Do, Mr. Bassett, let us forget what you have said, and let us go on being real royal good friends."

"Oh, certainly, if you wish," said Windward slowly and coldly. He was thinking of what McArdle had said of the idiotic ambition of the crushed rose of love to be the roast beef of friendship. They two, forsooth, to be "friends" after this! On the morrow he would leave claim, family, city, country, life itself, if necessary, to be free again; the sky was scarcely broad enough to cover them both at once.

"You are not angry, Mr. Bassett?" she said, with a caressing gesture.

"Oh, no," replied Windward, with averted eyes. He spoke calmly and gently, and she pitied him. "Poor fellow," she mused, "he's got it bad!"

They had reached the doorstep. "I feel this very deeply, Miss Willis," said the young man, releasing her arm. "I can't tell you how much. And if I had any chance I'd fight for it, too, like a man."

He gave her a last, anxious look, but she shook her head sadly, looked down and was silent. It was over.

"Good night," he said. She extended her hand, and for an instant it lay in his, idly and cold. "Good night," she replied, and thus they parted.

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SUBJECTS OF PRACTICAL IMPORTANCE TO AGRICULTURISTS.

A Brief but Instructive Report of Experiments Conducted at the Massachusetts Hatch Experiment Station with the Various Kinds of Hay Caps.

That hay caps are useful and quite often pay for themselves by their use on a single rainy day is well known, yet a majority of farmers are doing without them. This arises, no doubt, partly from the fact that there is a general neglect in getting the caps in readiness until the busy season, when they are needed, is at hand, and partly from doubt whether caps of heavy muslin, without waterproofing, would be sufficiently protecting. To determine this question three different varieties were tried last season at the Massachusetts Hatch experiment station. They were, first, cotton caps, untreated with any preparation for waterproofing; second, cotton caps oiled, and third, a patent hay and grain cap which is made of wood pulp and apparently oiled. This cap is stiff and in shape like a well flared bowl with fluted sides.

The grass used for the test was cut on the morning of July 14; it was nearly cured when cocked in the afternoon, and as the weather was threatening a number of cocks were covered with each of the three kinds of caps, the cotton ones being held in place with wooden pins in the ordinary way. On the 15th there was a thunder shower, and on the morning of the 16th the caps were removed and the following observations recorded: Hay underneath the plain cotton caps was slightly moist on top and in good condition below, having heated to a very slight extent only. The oil cotton caps themselves were very wet on both sides, the hay at the top was also quite wet, and just below almost too hot to handle; the heat extended nearly to the bottom of the cock. The hay under the patent caps was moist on top, and a little lower hot, but not so hot as under the oiled caps. The condition of the hay under the plain cotton cap (heavy material) was decidedly the best, but it is recognized that with a heavier rain this might not be found to be the case. The patent caps are easily put on, but they are clumsy and heavy, and to carry a quantity to a field and distribute them requires far more labor than for the cotton caps. The season was almost unparalleled in its freedom from rain, so that but one opportunity to try the caps was afforded, but from the single test the plain heavy cotton cap appears to be the best. The experiment will be continued as opportunity allows.

High versus Low Headed Trees.

So far as convenience goes, writes a correspondent in The Country Gentleman, I am of those who prefer high topped trees. The greater labor in gathering fruit from such trees is slight in comparison with the disadvantage in having the limbs in the way of cultivation. The subject, however, is one which is not to be settled on the same basis in all localities. An important fact to be considered, especially at the north, is that trees with low heads are more hardy than those of the same variety having high heads. It is known to most fruit growers that trees which are winter killed often have the body dead while the roots and limbs are yet in good condition. The trunk, by reason of its distance from the growing roots and limbs, and on account of the large amount of old wood which it contains, has less vitality than any other part of the tree, and when standing in the open ground it is likely to be the first to suffer from cold, providing the new growth is well ripened. It is plain that where there is danger from cold the less stem a tree has the better. It is therefore wise to conform to the requirements of the climate, and wherever a variety is liable to winter injury grow it with low heads.

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PRESIDENT HARRISON started on his trip to the Pacific coast on Tuesday last, accompanied by his family and a few personal friends.

THE Mafia lynching at New Orleans seems likely to serve a good purpose in calling attention to the need of a revision of our immigration laws. Let us shut out the European criminals at all hazards.

JEFFERSON was a Democrat but in his economic beliefs he was a staunch supporter of the principles now advocated by the Republican party. Gen Francis A Walker speaks of him as probably the most uncompromising protectionist that America has produced.—*Boston Journal*

THE ballot reform bill passed the House finally on Tuesday of this week by the overwhelming vote of 171 yeas to 11 nays. There is no good reason why the bill should not be passed by the Senate at an early day. The Republicans of Pennsylvania are pledged to ballot reform and a Republican Senate cannot afford to defeat it.

THERE is a new counterfeit silver certificate in circulation. It is of the two dollar series and has a vignette of Gen. Hancock on its face. The workmanship on the note is so good and the duplication of the paper so nearly perfect that Secretary Foster has directed that no more notes of this series be issued until a new design can be engraved. He will also, as far as possible, call in those now in circulation.

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THE childish action of the Italian government will not change by a hair's breadth the status of the question of the responsibility of this government. Mr. Blaine has been investigating ever since the lynching and he will continue without regard to anything that Italy may see fit to do, until he is in possession of all the facts. Then he will decide. The importance of this question is not overlooked, but there is no occasion for any undue haste, and if any serious complications were expected the President would certainly not have announced the date of his departure on his Pacific coast trip as he has done since the recall of the Italian minister.

WE cannot lumber up our columns with the theories of Mr. Brown on economic questions. As a prominent Democrat of this borough said after his long diatribe appeared in our columns a few weeks ago, "what is Mr Brown trying to prove? I cannot see a point that he makes in his argument." The entire history of this country is a complete refutation of his theories, which are largely copied verbatim from essays on the subject by the wildest visionaries that foreign countries have shipped to our shores. We must be excused from giving up our columns to the publication of that kind of trash and are entirely satisfied with the *Democrat* having a monopoly of it.

SECRETARY BLAINE has shown that he is about the last man in the world to be stampeded by bluster, whether the blusterer be a loud mouthed Democratic editor indulging in threats of personal or political exposure or the king of a bankrupt European country who hopes by arousing the national pride of his subjects to make them willingly submit to further taxation. Had this fact been as well known to the king of Italy and his advisers several days ago as it is now it might have prevented the government of that country making itself the laughing stock of the civilized world, as it has done by instructing its minister to the United States to ask for his passports, because the United States Government declined to interfere with the State authorities of Louisiana now engaged in investigating matters connected with the recent lynching of eleven members of the infamous "Mafia" society at New Orleans.

HON RUSSELL ERRETT died at his home in Pittsburgh on Wednesday of last week aged 74 years. Mr Errett had been in delicate health for several years, and in 1889 visited Europe hoping to be benefited by the trip. While at Frankfort, Germany he had a stroke of paralysis from which he never fully recovered. He was at one time editor of the Pittsburgh *Gazette* and being an original Abolitionist was active in the formation of the Republican party. In 1860 he was elected Controller of Pittsburgh, and the same day was elected Clerk of the State Senate. In 1861 he was appointed Paymaster of the Army and served in that position until the close of the war. In 1869 he was appointed Assessor of Internal Revenue. From 1871 to 1873 he was Chairman of the Republican State Committee and in 1872 he was again elected Clerk of the State Senate which position he held until 1875. In 1876 he was elected to Congress from the 22d district and re-elected in 1878 and 1880. In 1882 he was defeated by James H Hopkins but was subsequently appointed United States Pension Agent at Pittsburgh by President Arthur. The last office he held was that of Clerk of the State Senate during the session of 1889. Russell Errett was an honest, honorable man and one of the ablest, intellectually, in the State.

UNACCOUNTABLE.

A few days since Senator Williamson of Huntingdon county, reported to the Senate a Judicial Apportionment bill and this is the only complete Apportionment bill which has been reported to either house during the present session of the Legislature. It is unaccountable to those outside the inner circles of the Apportionment Committees why the Congressional, Senatorial and Representative bills are not on the calendar and being pushed to final passage. It is well known that there is considerable difficulty in framing Congressional and Senatorial bills to suit every member of the Legislature but that fact should not keep these bills in the committee's hands until the closing hours of the Legislature. It is now past the middle of April and the bill apportioning the members of the House has not yet been reported, although the work of the committee is a mere matter of form. The Constitution prescribes just how many members each county is entitled to and what counties and cities can be divided into single districts. Any intelligent man who is familiar with the population of the several counties of the State ought to frame an acceptable Representative Apportionment bill in a day's time.

There is one fact in connection with the Senatorial and Representative Apportionment bills which probably has not been overlooked by the committees having these bills in charge. The man who is now Governor of the State returned to the Legislature in 1885 a Representative Apportionment bill giving as a reason for so doing that it should be passed in conjunction with the Senatorial bill. It was a trick and a dirty one at that, but it was the only means he could devise to defeat all apportionments passed by that Legislature. When the bill was finally sent to him embracing both the Senatorial and Representative apportionments he vetoed it because of objections to the Senatorial divisions of the State. His objections were purely and glaringly political.

The Legislature should pass fair Apportionment bills and send them to the Governor as early as possible. If we are not to have apportionments let the responsibility rest with a Democratic Executive and not with a Republican Legislature.

McKEAN VETERAN ASSOCIATION

The Port Allegany *Reporter* in its issue of last week under the above head makes the following sensible and patriotic suggestions to the people of that vicinity in reference to assisting in paying for the monument:

At a meeting of the McKean County Veteran Association held in Eldred Feb 18th last a committee was appointed to take steps to wipe out the debt standing against the Soldiers and Sailors monument at Smethport. The committee decided that the only way would be to assess the members of the G A R comprising the different posts in the county *pro rata* according to their membership. Henry Metcalf post of this place has thirty five members and as the indebtedness is about twelve hundred dollars it will require an assessment of $2.00 each to wipe out the debt. As the members of Metcalf post will have to raise seventy dollars as their share the committee recommends that instead of assessing the members, who are most of them toiling for the necessaries of life, that an effort should be made to raise this money by subscription and the following named were appointed to act and receive subscriptions for Henry Metcalf post: R H [illegible], [illegible] and C N Barrett. It is to be hoped that our citizens will respond liberally to this appeal and any amount however small will be most thankfully received. It is understood that none of the money is to be paid over to the general committee until a sufficient sum has been subscribed to liquidate the debt.

IT is not yet understood as it should be that the present Indian troubles are largely due to the want of food. We have undertaken to feed the the Indians and we do not do it fairly. We have undertaken it because we have acquired so much of the Indian land. It has been surrendered by treaty and the Indians are compelled to live on land unfit for agriculture, and where they cannot sustain life by cultivating the soil. It is a high, arid, plain country, and even the whites in great numbers, after trying it fairly have abandoned their farms and have gone elsewhere. But the Indians can not leave their reservations and wander in pursuit of employment without a permit from the agent. They are compelled to live upon the supplies that the government has agreed to give them for the land which they surrendered and upon what little stock they can raise from the very small allowance furnished them for stock purposes. Food is the vital question of the present generation of Sioux.—*Harper's Weekly*

THE NEW YORK SUN is a democratic paper of protection proclivities, and for years it has endeavored to stem the free trade tide which is slowly but surely engulfing its party. A few days since it referred to the birthday anniversary of Thomas Jefferson in this wise: "The great founder of American democracy was an inveterate, courageous and consistent opponent of the economic teachings of the British. He was the upholder of home industry, the champion of a larger field of manufacture, and the unswerving friend of home products. It was Jefferson who declared his political faith on the subject in the following words, full of encouragement to all democrats, and with a vigor and clearness well calculated to confound any one short of a free trader: 'Experience has taught me that manufactures are as necessary to our independence as to our comfort; and if those who quote me as of a different opinion will keep pace with me in purchasing nothing foreign where an equivalent of domestic fabrics can be obtained, without regard to difference of price, it will not be our fault if we do not soon have a supply at home equal to our demand, and wrest that weapon of distress from the hand which has wielded it.'"

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FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

From our own correspondent.

HARRISBURG, April 13.—The past week the rested legislators returning from their ten days holiday, have put in a fair week's work. There are many inquiries as to the probable day for final adjournment. On Wednesday last the committee on rules reported and the House adopted a resolution which in addition to the regular orders now in force call for evening sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The evening sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays will be for consideration of Revenue bills and appropriation bills. Thursday's, Revenue and appropriation bills at all the sessions. The adoption of this resolution was followed by a resolution to adjourn sine die on May 8 at 12 o'clock noon. There was no final action taken on the resolution to adjourn finally but it is quite certain that when it reaches the Senate the date will be extended in all probability one week later and perhaps to May 22. On Friday last, after an all night session, Thursday night the Appropriations Committee reported over one hundred appropriation bills which commencing to-night will have the right of way. Apportionment bills have been presented in both branches of the legislature but thus far except in one case the bills have come from democratic sources.

They of course are democratic bills and cannot pass in their present form and it is safe to say they will be very much changed when the Republican majority gets to work on them. Senator Williamson's Judicial bill in the Senate places McKean County in a district by itself and turns Potter County its former associate over to Cameron. There is no doubt that from to-night but few bills on the files will receive very considerable attention outside of those of general or special importance, the revenue, appropriation and apportionment bills will have the call.

One day last week Representative Stewart of Philadelphia said he was tired of listening to the wind bags who talked in season and out of season and who retarded business by the childish interrogatories that every speaker was bombarded with. The new rules stop this for no member dare speak more than once on any subject and then only for ten minutes each time. This it is thought will enable the House to get through with a very great deal of business each day. Your correspondent several times during the present session has called attention to the presence on the floor of the House of a K of L committee who flitted in and out among the members dictating what bills must be supported and what bills must be defeated. No objections were seemingly raised to this proceeding, or to the importunities of the K of L committee until a bill of Representative Fow of Philadelphia came under the condemnation of the Inquisitors. The opponent of Fow's bill was coached by one of the K of L committee who stood behind the speaking member and pumped him full of opposition to the Fow measure. This was noticed by Mr Fow who turned towards his opponent and with much warmth said there are certain unauthorized persons on the floor of the House and—they are of the K of L organization at $5 per day who were lobbyists and doing what is expressly prohibited by the rules. This bold stroke by Mr Fow was much admired by every one in the House and it had the desired effect of suppressing for a time the K of L diplomat. The last bill to be presented in the Senate for this session under the rules was by Senator Neeb of Allegheny County who wants to rule the Pullman or Sleeping and Palace cars at reduced charge. He makes for one sitting for one passenger a charge of only 1 4 of one cent per mile and for one sleeping berth for one passenger 1 2 of one cent per mile. The bill comes so late in the session that it is not at all likely that it will get a place in the Pamphlet Laws for the session of 1891. Both the Senate and House have stopped the introduction of new bills and but few measures yet remain in committee so that the work of considering the bills now on the calendars will be pushed with a view to final adjournment at an early date.

There is considerable bad feeling in the Senate just now over the bad faith of the Governor's party which through the pledges agreed upon by the minority in the Senate certain nominations were to be confirmed and the tenure of office was to be secure so far as certain officers were concerned. True to the tradition of the Democratic party when Pattison and his gang came into power the Jacksonian cry of "to the victors belong the spoils" was sounded but the cloven hoof of democracy was shown too soon. I referred in a former letter to this and also to the solemn compact made so as to permit Governor Pattison's Cabinet to be confirmed. Among several of Governor Beaver's hold over or unconfirmed appointees were State Librarian Egle, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Waller, and Factory Inspector Martin. When these gentlemen were confirmed the Cabinet of Governor Pattison was confirmed. It was of course inferred that the commissions of these newly confirmed gentlemen would be issued at once, but up to the present time the Governor has made no move in this direction and it is this delay that the majority party have entered a solemn protest against and they do not propose to confirm any more of Governor Pattison's nominees until he issues the commissions which will confirm the tenure of office of the gentlemen above named. In the meantime Governor Pattison sends in some important nominations for Philadelphia and thinks it very strange that the names are not promptly confirmed instead of being held over as has been done. A committee of the Republican Senators has waited on Governor Pattison and has very promptly informed him that when he fulfils his part of the bargain the Republican Senate will fulfill all that they have promised to do but until this is done the Senate will not confirm any more of the Governor's nominations. The object of this delay on the part of the Governor is apparent and the Republican Senate is determined to exact compliance with pledges made in good faith or no further confirmations will be made by the Republican Senate of nominations by the Democratic Governor. The compact entered into between the majority and minority parties in the Senate contemplated that the tenure of office of the Beaver appointees should be secure. This agreement the Democratic Governor, by implication at least, now violates by withholding commissions which simply means that just so soon as the Legislature adjourns the positions of the gentlemen whose commissions are in question, will be declared vacant, and democrats, pure and simple, will be put into place. The Senate will not be caught in a trap of that kind this year of our Lord.

Ex-Sheriff R. Sartwell of McKean county with letters from Sheriff Grubb called on Gov. Pattison on Thursday of last week for requisition papers on Governor Hill of New York, to apprehend John O Seaberg, a delinquent tax collector of McKean County, who is wanted by the tax payers of that County and who forfeited his bail bonds to take up his residence in some distant country. The Ex Sheriff left for New York on Thursday evening with his requisitions.

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LITERARY NOTES.

THEODORE CHILD'S impressions of the Argentine Republic, as published in a recent number of *Harper's Magazine*, were not altogether flattering to the people of that country. He could find in the life of the citizens of Buenos Ayres no poetry, no sentiment, no generosity—nothing amiable, witty or attractive in the exterior aspect of men and of things. Bishop J M Walden however in an article which he has prepared for May number of the same periodical takes a different and more hopeful view of that country. At the close of a comprehensive account of the religious and educational institutions of the Argentine people, he says: "The tendency of all the formative forces in Argentine is to make the people more homogeneous, to elevate them in their social conditions, to increase the intelligence of the masses, to develop the typical Spanish American nation."

THE NEW PHILADELPHIA.

"The New Philadelphia" is the title of a deeply interesting article which will appear in the May *Cosmopolitan* and is from the pen of Mr Henry C Walsh. To those who are not entirely familiar with the city of brotherly love of to-day and who taking the joke-maker at his word entertain the erroneous idea that the third largest city in the Union is at best but a sleepy and unenterprising town, the *Cosmopolitan* article will prove a veritable revelation. The great change that has been wrought during the past decade in the external appearance of Philadelphia is ably set forth and greatly augmented by the splendid illustrations drawn by Mr Harry Fenn. A glance at these masterly drawings shows that in beauty of architecture, the solidity and modernness of construction and design of her homes, clubs and commercial buildings Philadelphia stands at the very head of flourishing American cities. The business, social and intellectual advancement of this perhaps the most habitable of cities is no less marked that is its more outward progression. Doubtless too much attention has been paid to other more ostentatiously progressive cities especially of the west to the exclusion of the Quaker City and its marvelous growth. The article in the May *Cosmopolitan* however places Philadelphia before the public in its true light as one of the best governed, most enterprising and socially, commercially and politically progressive cities of the United States.

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JACOB HAFNER, Administrator.

Clermont, Pa. April 1891 [illegible]

Court Proclamation.

The Hon A G OLMSTED President Judge, of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery Quarter Sessions of the Peace Orphan's Court and Court of Common Pleas for the County of McKean has issued his precept, bearing date Friday Feb 27th 1891 and to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas, at the borough of Smethport, Pa. on Monday the 20th day of April A D 1891 and to continue one week.

Dated at Smethport Pa. March 20 1891 and in the 115th year of the independence of the United States of America.

WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff

TRIAL LIST

For Third Monday Of April, A D 1891

1 B J Whitmoth vs W L Hensel. No. 247 December term 1883. Assumpsit Plea—Non assumpsit payment set off with leave to offer special matter etc

2 Charles Kammerdiener and George Kammerdiener vs Jacob Kammerdiener No 61 December term, 1884 Ejectment. Plea—Not guilty

3 National Transit Company vs R. B Stone and A Leo Weil partners doing business under the name and style of Stone & Weil No. 110 February term, 1885 Assumpsit. Plea—Non-assumpsit payment with leave, etc

4 C L Okerlind vs Wm Blew No 285 December term 1887 Appeal Plea—Nil debit

5 J W Benson vs Harriet E Vedder H W Vedder No 25 October term 1888, Judgment opened as to Harriet E Vedder Plea—Payment with leave, etc and additional plea [illegible]

6 Caleb Card [illegible] use of Charlotte D Hubbard vs [illegible] M [illegible] administrator No 224 December term 1888 [illegible] Plea [illegible]

7 John [illegible] vs Crosby Lumber Company Limited Chas Wagner and W H Newerf garnishees No 124 May term 1889 Foreign attachment. Plea—Non-assumpsit setoff payment with leave etc

8 J W Beacom vs B M Graham and J R. Phillips No 26 May term 1889 Assumpsit Plea—Non-assumpsit payment and set off

9 Alfred Short vs M. E. W Hauss defendant National Transit Company garnishees. No 47 October term 1889 Foreign attachment. Plea—Non assumpsit.

10. M Long George Stafford vs F E Wood George H Potter No 141 October term 1889 Assumpsit. Plea—Non assumpsit, payment with leave etc

11 C L Douglas vs A J Edgett. No. 203, October term 1889. Trespass vi et armis. Plea—Not guilty

12 Mrs Emma Hurley vs Manufacturers Gas Company A. W Lewis and F D Wood No 250 October term 1889 Trespass vi et armis. Plea—Not guilty

13. Mrs Dillie L Curtis and Stella A Curtis a minor by her next friend, Dillie L Curtis, vs Manufacturers Gas Company A W Lewis and F D Wood No 251 October term 1889 Trespass vi et armis. Plea—Not guilty

14. J C French J N Norton and G A Woods doing business as Morrison Run Lumber Co., vs I G Jenkins, defendant, L D Chamberlin and M Miller garnishees. No 277 October term 1889 Foreign Attachment. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

15 Geo. A Riddell vs New York, Lake Erie & Western Coal and Rail Road Company No 283, October term 1889 Trespass. Plea—Not guilty

16. Andrew Libbey vs W. H. Burkwater No. 16, February term, 1890. Appeal Plea—Non-assumpsit.

17 E. S Cook vs Pennsylvania Railroad Company No. 223, June term, 1890, Trespass, Plea—Not guilty

18 Charles D Seaman vs Elias N Holmes No. 273, June Term, 1890, Ejectment. Plea—Not guilty

19. Thos. Hussey vs L. A. Great. No 2 October term, 1890, Appeal. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

20. S. S. Satterly vs John Kernan No 8, October term, 1890. Appeal. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

21. R. C. Gallup vs W L. Lillibridge No 21, October term, 1890 Appeal. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

22. E. J Oates vs J F Gossler, A M McClain and George T Brew, partners doing business as A M McClain & Company No. 157, October term 1890, Assumpsit. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

23. E F Wyant, now for use of Wm. Chambers, vs. T. C. Flannigan George Corson and D O Donnell partners doing business as Flannigan, Corson & O Donnell No 423, October term, 1890. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

24. Patrick Clark vs O. E Lay No. 437, October term, 1890, Appeal. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

25. C. L. Patchen vs John Flanigan, No 11 December term, 1890. Appeal. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

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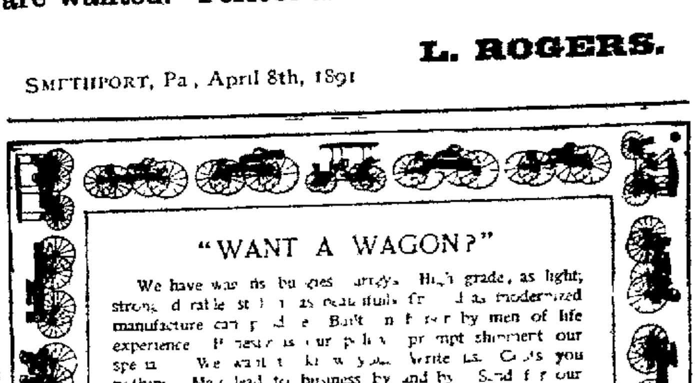

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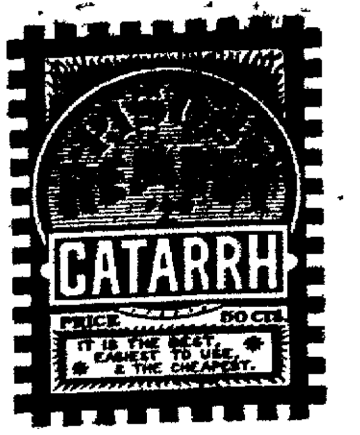

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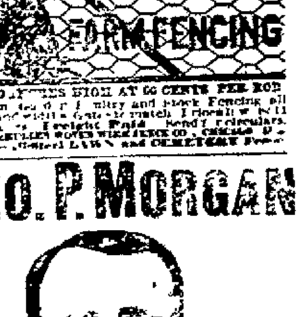
MRS J W REILLY.

Smethport, March 26, '91.



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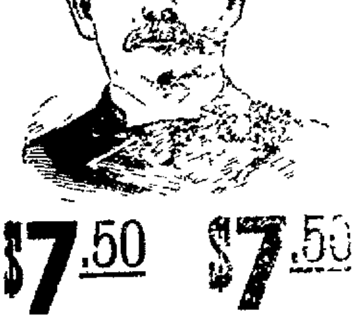

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McKean County Miner

Smethport, Pa., April 17, 1891.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

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We will send the MINER and any paper or magazine mentioned below for one year, to any address as follows:

The MINER and Philadelphia Weekly Press $1 50

The MINER and Albany Weekly Journal $1 50

The MINER and Pittsburg Chronicle $1 [illegible]

The MINER and Judge Library of Fun monthly for $2 00

The MINER and Harrisburg Weekly Patriot for $1 75

The MINER and New York World for $1 80

The MINER and Cosmopolitan Magazine for $2 50

The MINER and American Farmer for $2 00

The MINER and Demorest Family Magazine for $3 10

The MINER and National Tribune for $2 00

The MINER and Home Market Bulletin for $1 50

The MINER and Scribner's Magazine for $3 10

—April showers are with us

—Civil court convenes next Monday

—The county W. C. T. U. meets at Duke Center this week

—Memorial Day, the next legal holiday, falls on Saturday this year

—Considerable fence building and repairing is being done in this vicinity

—John Riley of Olean has a new ad in this issue which particularly interests farmers

—Several defective places in the sidewalks about town should have immediate attention

—Charles [illegible] has the large new addition to his extensive blacksmith shop completed

—We are indebted to C. B. Buckley of Norwich township for a can of most delicious maple syrup

—The sawmills at this place are turning out an average of upwards of 100,000 feet of lumber per day

—Work has been commenced on the rig for the new well to be put down by the Extract Company at East Smethport

—Farmers and breeders of fine horses will do well to read the advertisement of Dallas B. Whipple & Son of Cuba, N. Y.

—Ex-Sheriff Roswell Sartwell arrived from New York Saturday having in custody J. O. Sonberg who was safely lodged in jail

—There are now 10,000 lodges and 700,000 Odd Fellows in the United States. $3,000,000 was paid out in benefits last year, says an exchange

—We are informed that negotiations for the lease of the Grand Central Hotel have been dropped, and that Adams & Taylor will continue to run same

—Don't forget the G. A. R. and W. R. C. dance at the opera house next Monday and Tuesday evenings. Tickets one dollar, supper served in the hall extra

—See the advertisement of W. F. Specht in this issue. Mr. Specht is writing insurance in some of the best and most reliable companies in the country

—The grip, which is making such rapid progress in this country at present, is said to be of the old Siberian brand, and much more fatal than the scourge of last year

—J. J. Stull has been appointed postmaster at Farmers Valley in place of C. [illegible] Ollis resigned, and S. M. Prescott at Wilcox in place of R. R. Landon, resigned

—The ladies of the Union Aid Society will give a warm sugar social at the residence of Will Gifford, East Smethport, Wednesday evening, April 22d. All are cordially invited

—The Record, published at Lansford, Carbon county, by our old and highly esteemed friend Hon. E. W. Morris, contains a very interesting letter last week from C. W. Miller, Esq., of Duke Centre

—Thirty years ago last Sunday marked the opening of the great civil war. At half past four of that day hostilities were commenced by firing on Fort Sumter and three days later President Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 volunteers.

—We are specially indebted to Hon. C. W. Stone for an Appendix of the Congressional Directory giving the boundaries of Congressional districts by maps throughout the entire country. It is a valuable contribution to a journalist's library

—The MINER has never said a word disparagingly of Eldred and the editor of the Eagle is unmanly in endeavoring to create such an impression. There is no town in the county that the editor of the MINER has a more friendly feeling for than Eldred

—Tuesday night a large pile of logs on the side hill about three miles from this place got loose and piled themselves up on the R. R. and K. tracks, as a consequence trains were delayed several hours. The Bradford mail did not reach here until twelve o'clock

—Ira Mulvahill, while something of a hustler, does not desire credit for a feat he never accomplished and asks us to deny the item going the rounds of the press, in which it is stated that he made a 50 gallon barrel in 11 minutes, at the Smethport Extract Company's shop

—The Eldred Eagle says: "Some of the base ball enthusiasts are agitating the question of forming a county league, to include Port Allegany, Smethport, Duke Centre, Eldred, and perhaps some other towns." What say the Smethport managers? We would like to see the scheme materialize

—Two of veteran Jacob Hendricks on's children, Ada, aged 10, and Frank, aged 7 years, were taken to the Memorial Home at Brookville last week by Mrs. F. A. Morrison, President of Smethport W. R. C. The Corps clothed them up in good shape before they left, and Mrs. Morrison says they appeared very happy in their new home

—In an old geography printed in 1812 appears the following: "California is a wild and almost unknown land. Throughout the year it is covered by dense fogs, as damp as they are unhealthful. In the interior are active volcanoes and vast plains of shifting snow, which sometimes shoots up columns to great heights." This would seem almost incredible were it not for the well authenticated accounts of travelers.

It is reported on good authority that Peter A. Bigley is recovering very rapidly. He has been in Dr. Freeman's hospital in Smethport for several weeks past.—Port Allegany Dem. Mr. Bigley is from [illegible] and has been here under treatment for two very bad abscesses, for which it was found necessary to perform a very delicate surgical operation. His recovery is now assured.

—Mrs. Judith P. Thomson, an aged and highly respected lady, died at the Sartwell House, Port Allegany, on Sunday morning, April 5th, aged 83 years. Mrs. Thompson was the mother of five children, Mrs. C. S. King, of this place, Mrs. S. C. Sartwell and Mrs. Coleman, of Port Allegany, and two sons who reside in Minneapolis, all of whom were present at the funeral obsequies on Wednesday of last week.

—While John [illegible] was at work on the rear of the Kinney building on Main street on Tuesday last the scaffold on which he was standing gave away precipitating him to the ground, a distance of twenty feet. The bone of his fore arm was broken near the wrist, and his nose, which came in contact with a saw, was nearly severed from the face. He received proper surgical aid and is as comfortable as could be expected

—Everybody who can should attend the dances to be given by the G. A. R. and W. R. C. at the opera house next week, Monday and Tuesday evenings. As the [illegible] has an object in dancing, patrons are assured a good time and tickets have been placed at the low price of one dollar. Mill's orchestra will furnish the music and a first-class supper will be served in the hall at a merely nominal figure. These facts should insure a very large attendance.

—The [illegible] Dramatic Company played to very poor houses this week, and this in spite the fact that the company was a good one. The plays were well mounted and the characters well handled, in fact it was the most evenly balanced company that has visited here in some time. Manager Kennedy should be supported in his efforts to cater to the public, but it will soon be that nothing will go but a comedy with a [illegible] key and a few bloodhounds, unless there should be a decided change.

—An Ohio newspaper recently brought suit against forty three men who would not pay for their subscriptions, and obtained judgment in each case for the amount of each claim. Of these twenty eight made affidavits that they owned no more than the law allowed, thus preventing attachment. Then under the decision of the supreme court they were arrested for petit larceny and bound over in the sum of $300 each. All but six gave bond, which is all right. The new postal law makes it larceny to take a paper and refuse to pay for it.—Toledo Blade

—The following gem is going the rounds of our exchanges: "The distinction once claimed of the Kinzua viaduct as being the highest railroad bridge in the world has gone from it forever. Its height is exceeded more than ten times by the railroad viaduct over the [illegible], whose towers [illegible] above the water. The highest pillar is [illegible] feet, more than three times the height of the Eiffel tower. In fact it somewhat resembles this structure, ranging from nearly [illegible] above the river, surpasses all the marvels of modern engineering."

The Star of recent date says: "The Misses Kate and Virginia Hamilton, of [illegible], and Miss Allie Reed, of [illegible], who are attending St. Margaret's school for young ladies in Buffalo, passed their spring vacation with friends in Smethport. The evening before their return a pleasant party was given in their honor by the Misses Helen and [illegible]. The other guests were Misses Ora King, Miss Alice Mason, Miss Grace McCoy and Miss Nettie Hamlin. The afternoon and evening was enjoyably passed in dancing, games and telling of ghost stories in company [illegible] Miss [illegible] was an valuable assistant."

The Oil City Blizzard says: "When travel [illegible] and the violets in [illegible] when the bullfrogs in the meadows [illegible] and the afternoon air [illegible] spot where the grasshoppers are hopping [illegible] at night, and [illegible] bedroom attracted by the light [illegible] down the chimney and [illegible] center of the floor, [illegible] your shoe tops as you cross the new-plowed land—you may set it down as certain that sweet spring is near at hand"

—Johnsonburg is soon to have a National bank, with a capital of $50,000, such a charter having been authorized by the Comptroller of the currency.

A New W. N. Y. and P. Train

In a recent interview with a Buffalo Commercial reporter Gen. Pass. Agent J. A. Fellows has this to say in reference to the early morning train from Smethport to Buffalo: "But a still more important change will be that which it is intended to make on the train which now leaves Olean about 6 a.m., and returns at 7:30 p.m. As soon after May 1 as possible this train will start from Smethport about 5 a.m. and leave here at 9:20 p.m. and run through to Smethport, which is in McKean county, Pa., and is the center of a very important business territory. Many persons living there have business along the line and particularly in Buffalo and we believe that the arrangement proposed will furnish accommodation which is much desired. The proposed train will make good connections at Olean and elsewhere with the other divisions of the road. The train will run by the way of Larabee which is a few miles south of Eldred. Conductor Love will no doubt continue the run as far as practicable. It will be quite a long run from 5 a.m. till 9 p.m. so that probably some sort of re-arrangement of the crews will have to be made. But that of course is a matter of minor importance. The chief point the public feels an interest in is the amount of accommodation the train will afford."

Installation of Officers.

At the regular meeting of Smethport Lodge I. O. O. F. held on Friday evening last the following officers were installed for the ensuing term by District Deputy, A. N. Heard of Bradford:

N. G.—Charles Lemmer.
V. G.—A. B. Hyde.
Sec—G. H. Wettenhall.
Treas—H. W. Kubra.
Warden—P. D. Hopkins.
Chaplain—T. A. Morrison.
R. S. N. G.—W. G. Horter, Wil Verbeck.
R. S. V. G.—G. W. King.
I. G.—A. B. Cory.
O. G.—C. A. Burlick.
R. S. S.—— Gerrity.
Scene Supporters—J. H. Sowers, J. W. [illegible].
Trustees—L. L. Prime, G. W. King, H. H. Choate.

List of Letters

Remaining in the postoffice at Smethport, Pa., for the week ending April 11.

Gevert Ernest,
Hanson N. T.,
Hoffman Peter,
Lane Joanna,
Manson J. F.,
Neva [illegible] Daniel
Orvan, Thomas.
Paterson, Clara.
Ride, C. H.
Swanson, Augusta,
Wilson, Augustus,

Persons calling for these letters, please say advertised and give date.

E. M. KERR, P. M.

PERSONAL MENTION.

We would deem it a favor if those having friends visiting in this place would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

F. C. Hogle, was over from Bradford Monday

George R. Wolcott, of Eldred, was in town Monday

James Doyle of Mt Jewett, was about town Monday

Attorney C. E. Judd, of Bradford, was in town Monday

J. C. Wiedman of Eldred, was in town Wednesday

L. Raver of Clermont, had business in town Wednesday

Col J. O. Parmelee, of Warren, was in town Thursday

J. J. Sauer of Olean, had business in Smethport Monday.

D. B. Bell of Du Bois, Pa., was in Smethport Wednesday

Mr and Mrs. I. A. Morrison visited Bradford last Saturday

W. Z. Georgia of State Line Mills, was about town Wednesday

Mr J. A. Foster, of Riterville, was at the county seat Tuesday

J. C. Welch, of Eldred was at the county seat Wednesday

F. P. McCarty, of Clermont had business in town Wednesday

Lewis Perry and Mrs C. L. Perry, of Olean were in town Tuesday

Hon. R. B. Stone was over from Bradford on Thursday of this week

Thos Osborn and H. D. Wheeler, of Bradford were in town Monday

D. Nichols, of Millport Pa, registered at the Wright house Wednesday

F. W. Harding and L. A. Fisher, of Bradford were in town Wednesday

Ex Treasurer John R. Shoemaker, had business in Bradford last Saturday

S. Lindberg of Mt Jewett made the MINER office a pleasant call on Wednesday

Mr and Mrs Fred McCoy of this place, left Tuesday morning for a visit in Buffalo

W. H. Colegrove one of Eldred's enterprising citizens, was about town Wednesday

N. R. Bird one of Port Allegany's hustling business men was about town yesterday

The smiling countenance of C. M. Coleman, of Eldred was seen upon our streets Wednesday

Miss Clara Thomas is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Hulse of North Division street, Buffalo

Wm Hafner, of Crosby, was in town Saturday and made the MINER office a pleasant call

The genial Tom Ryan was over from Kane last Saturday and again on Tuesday of this week

George Weigle and Miss Mary Weigle of Roseville were registered at the Grand Central, Tuesday

Mr and Mrs Albert Ambach of Kinzua are visiting in town the guests of F. P. McCarty

Mr [illegible] of Bradford was at the county seat Tuesday it being his birthday

J. B. [illegible] formerly of Smethport but now of Boston, Mass., was in town a few days last week

Capt. J. J. [illegible] the genial proprietor of the popular St. James Hotel, Bradford was also in town Monday

Wm F. Ash representing the American Fire Insurance company of Philadelphia was in town Wednesday

Attorney S. W. Smith of Port Allegany one of the C. H. Moore Assignees, had business at the county seat Monday.

Mrs. D. F. Capehart postmaster at East Smethport spent the Sabbath at State Line Mills the guest of Mrs H. W. George

John C. Hamlin returned Saturday from a two weeks visit in New York and Brooklyn which combined business with pleasure

Rev. D. H. Denison, of Emporium will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening also at East Smethport in the afternoon

Surveyor King of Smethport was running some important lines here this week. He is making a plot of the borough.—Eldred Eagle

C. W. Dickinson a stalwart and always reliable Republican of Norwich township was circulating around town on Thursday of this week

Henry Eastman formerly in the employ of A. B. Armstrong of this place has accepted a position in the drug store of W. D. Hart, at Bradford

John Jarquet, who for some months past has been at work at Coudersport, is back in Smethport and can be found in the Evans tonsorial parlors.

Mr and Mrs C. S. King, of Smethport, were in town Wednesday attending the funeral of Mrs. King's mother Mrs. Thompson.—Port Allegany Reporter

George Jacobs, J. J. Ricker, F. Poole, and G. W. Poole of Newark, N. J. were in town this week, looking over the plans and specifications of the new Episcopal church, soon to be built here.

Geo A Hyde, a former resident, but for the past two years of Turnip, Ark., returned last week and will make Smethport his future home. Mr. Hyde was accompanied on his trip by Mr and Mrs. Ed Lyman formerly of this place, who are now in Olean

To Our Mother.

The following lines written on the death of Mrs. Nordhern, of Sargent, Pa., are published by request.

And can it be dear mother is gone—
The one we did so love,
Has she exchanged the scenes of earth
For brighter ones above?

And shall we see her face no more,
Nor hear her gentle voice—
How gladly would we have kept her here
Could we have had our choice

We are sad and lonely now
And have been since that day,
When to the cold and silent grave,
We followed her away

We are thinking of that silent hour,
When standing round her bed
We watched the ebbing tide of life
As from clay her spirit fled.

How oft the warm and gushing tears,
Flow down our cheeks so fast,
As we call back again to mind
Scenes of the happy past.

And think we ne'er shall meet on earth,
Our hearts are pierced with pain,
Although we know our earthly loss
Is her heavenly gain.

We know that God has but recalled
The soul that He has given
And though the casket moulders here,
Our mother is in heaven.

And from the land of untold bliss,
Free from all worldly cares,
We would not if we had the power
Recall her back again.

Since she has left a world of toil,
And free from every care,
Why should we ask her back again,
To earthly trouble share.

So we will say farewell, dear mother,
Though hard to give thee up,
Help us, oh Lord, we humbly pray,
To bear the bitter cup.

Help us, oh Lord, to do thy will,
While we are here below,
That when our work on earth is done,
We may with pleasure go;

Go to that land of perfect bliss,
Where dearest mother's gone,
To join the ransomed of the earth
In our eternal home.

G. A. R.

History of McKean Post, No. 347, Department of Pennsylvania.

The following brief history was given by Comrade B. F. Wright, at the recent celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the G. A. R. and is published by resolution of the Post:

An application having been made to the Commander of this Department by surviving soldiers of the war of the rebellion, for the institution of a Post of the G. A. R. at this place, a charter was issued and J. A. Ege, Commander of Bradford Post, No 141 G. A. R., was detailed to muster the Post, and who accordingly issued an order calling the applicants together on the evening of June 24, 1883, at the Kittridge Opera House, and on that evening mustered Post 347, with the following charter members

W. H. Grimbine
B. F. Wright,
Stiles G. Bush
A. H. Peirce
J. H. McQuaid,
Henry Herring
E. N. Chadwick
James Lundragan,
Malach Rowan,
George Ollivie,
Harley S. Sawyer,
James Howard,
S. D. Freeman
A. Beel
E. Sartwell
William Brockham
D. A. Easterbrooks,
J. C. Backus,
Wm. H. Ride
S. D. Freeman,
Emil Thamm
W. B. Brewer
S. F. Ferris,
J. L. Stanton,
Richard F. Locker,
Chas. M. Sanford,
George Badger,
F. P. Pratt
J. D. Barnes
M. S. Shelton
Jos. Hoover,

The officers of the Post for the first term were

Commander—B. F. Wright
Senior Vice-Com—J. C. Backus,
Junior Vice-Com—Wm. H. Grumbine
Quartermaster—E. N. Chadwick
Surgeon—S. D. Freeman
Chaplain—D. A. Easterbrooks
Officer of the Day—A. H. Peirce,
Officer of the Guard—S. B. Foote.

The successive Commanders of the Post are as follows

B. F. Wright	half of 1883 and 1884
J. C. Backus	1885
W. H. Grumbine	1886
I. Rogers	1887
J. M. McElroy	1888
H. M. Choate	1889
S. G. Bush	1890
T. A. Morrison	1891

One hundred and twenty-nine old soldiers have been mustered into the Post, of whom 8 have died, 30 have been transferred or discharged, leaving in good standing 85 members.

The Post Quartermasters have received during the existence of the Post		$2550.00
We have in Post property	$ 50.00	
Expenses of Post 8 years	520.00	
Expended for relief and Memorial Day expenses	1550.00	2520.00
Leaving a balance of		$ 30.00

This Post is ranked as one of the first in membership and standing in the county. As before stated there have been 129 members mustered into it but in February 1888 twelve of our comrades withdrew for the purpose of organizing a Post at Kane; eight have crossed the dark river and twenty four have either been given transfer cards or have been dropped from the rolls. The highest membership the Post ever reached at one time was 91 and with all our losses our rolls show a membership in good standing at the present time of 85. We hope before the end of the year to again reach the 91 figure. Our comrades have always striven to be at the front in all work for the good of the G. A. R. and with the assistance of their most excellent auxiliary the Woman's Relief Corps, have been able to accomplish very much to assuage the sufferings of those veterans and their families who have been unable to care for themselves. We have secured a most desirable lot in Smethport's beautiful cemetery where the remains of several comrades are reposing who had not provided themselves with a lot while living. Since the organization of Post 347 a splendid monument has been erected in the Court House grounds, opposite this hall in memory of the men from this county who gave their lives that the government might live during the dark days from 61 to 65. In paying for that beautiful shaft, our post has contributed more than its quota and we are glad to say that the citizens of Smethport have also contributed most liberally. In closing we can only say that we shall continue in the work of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty as laid down in the ritual of our great organization until the last comrade is mustered out by the Grim Reaper.

Smethport Graded School

Following is the report of the Smethport graded school for the month ending April 5th 1891

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

Pupils not absent or tardy during the month.

Orra King,
Jessie Sprague,
Harold Morrison,
George Sprague
Hattie Waller

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT

Average class standing 90 or above

Bessie Taylor
Dora Keenan
Lucy Wright
Linda Wright
Helen Holder
Josie Holder
Leon Grigsby
Sheridan Horton
John Carlson
Helen McCoy
Grace McCoy
Mattie Hanley
Ella Warshofsky
Hattie Taylor
Herbert Bard
Nellie Masser
Nellie Fuller
Alice O Brien
William Digel
Robert Chadwick
Carrie Servatius
Verna Hefner
Della Hafner
Edna Brennan,
Jennie Hussey,
Andrew Campbell,
Minnie Voorhies
Mattie Klappenbach,
Alice Burns

Not absent or tardy during month

Edna Brennan
Lucy Wright
Hattie Taylor
Helen Holder,
Josie Holder
Mattie Hanley
Dora Keenan
Nellie Masser,
Carrie Servatius,
Alice O Brien
Leon Grigsby

CARRIE G. SMITH Teacher

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

Pupils not absent or tardy during month.

Ettie Bard
Jessie Bard
Jennie Biever
Carrie Corwin
Christie Carpenter
Ethel Gifford
Rena Gallup,
Arthur Irons,
Claude Irons,
Olive Irons
Craig Rose
Edith Thomas

100 in deportment.

Frank Anderson
Martha Brennan
Lottie Bard
Jennie Biever,
Minnie Everett
Frances Campbell
Ethel Gifford
Helen Forrest
Claude Irons
Anna Johnson,
Rachel Rullin,
Edith Thomas
Lina Young

Average class standing 90 or over

Frank Anderson
Martha Brennan
Roscoe Bard
Victor Benton
Carrie Barrett,
Jennie Biever
Frances Campbell,
Lottie Corwin,
Christie Carpenter
Florence Choate,
Charlie Dunbar,
Victor Digel
Helen Forrest,
Will H. Gallup,
Albert Hector
Maggie McCarty,
Garth Rumsey,
Ray Walters
Waldo Sand,
Lina Young

IDA A. KNAPP Teacher

SECOND PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Not absent or tardy during the month

George Brennan,
Bert Cory
Fidelia Cummings
Pearl Digel,
Norman Grubb
Maurice Hanley,
Leo Herzog
Myron Keefe,
Josie McCandless,
Grace Mason,
Anna Shook,
Albert Servatius,
Alberta Sturdivant,
Mabel Thomas.

Department 100.

Pearl Digel
Maurice Hanley,
L. Hendrickson,
Leo Keenig
Henry Mulligan
Grace Mason
Anna Shook
Mabie Thomas.

Average class standing 90 or over

Martha Lemmer,
Pearl Digel,
Harry Dunbar
Bert Cory
Leo Herzog
L. Hendrickson,
Leo Keenig,
Gardiner Keefe,
Myron Keefe,
Rachel McCarthy,
Jennie McMahon,
Fred Mulligan,
Bertie Metzger,
Josie McCandless,
Roy Starks,
Anna Shook,
Albert Servatius,
Mable Thomas.

HATTIE A. FOOTE, Teacher.

FIRST PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Not absent or tardy during the month

Philip Vickery
Ruth Forrest,
Beatrice Gifford,
Lotta Burns,
Geoffrey Mayo,
Earl Abbey,
Roy Carter,
John Walters,
Bertie Hall
Emeline Grigsby,
Hurl Backus
Lee W. Toerge,
Mary Waldo,
Harrold Bennett,
Frank Purtle,
Annie Servatius.

Department 100.

Mamie Cooley,
Richard Keenig,
George Irons,
Bessie King,
Philip Vickery,
Ruth Forrest,
Beulah Holder,
Lila Cory,
Earl Abbey,
Beatrice Gifford,
Lotta Burns,
Geoffry Mayo,
Myrion Rose,
Ida Rubin,
Jennie Holmes,
Anna Servatius,
Bessie Quinlan,
Nannie Dunar,

MINNIE HIBBARD, Teacher

Quite a gain has been made in regular attendance during the month. Parents are again requested to give special attention to this matter

Whole number registered, 308.

A. C. ANDERSON, Principal.

A Valuable Discovery.

Dr Brown Sequard's elixir of youth may be an important discovery, but every one knows that Dr. Franklin Miles' New Heart Cure certainly is. It has given thousands afflicted with serious heart disease a New Lease of Life. Druggists who can observe its effect on many customers everywhere speak very highly of it. Mr John Weaver, of Knightstown, Ind., says "I have sold much of Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure and have received many good reports." O. Monroe, of Dunkirk, N. Y., reports large sales. "And the best part of it is every bottle has given satisfaction." Sold and guaranteed by A. B. Armstrong.

—Smokers' articles of every description at Emil Thamm's.

AROUND THE COUNTY.

Interesting News From Various Localities As Related by Our Regular Correspondents.

BRADFORD

Will C. Ellis has gone to Cleveland to attend school.

Dr Nichols and wife, who have been very ill, are recovering.

Patrick C. Boyle paid the newspaper fraternity and other friends a visit last week.

Kennedy and Congress streets are the favorite resorts of bicyclers on pleasant evenings.

A bill appropriating $6,000 for the Bradford hospital has been reported in the State Legislature

Misses Hattie Carr and Sarah Brady, have joined the force of operators at the telephone exchange.

The Central Hose fair was kept up until Tuesday. Success has attended the company all the way through.

The laying of the corner stone of the new Episcopal Church, on Chautauqua place, will occur on April 22.

Clarence Weaver has gone to Peekskill, N. Y. to resume his studies. Miss Genevieve, his sister accompanied him as far as New York

About fifty local sports witnessed a cock fight between city birds in the Fourth ward, Friday evening. It was very exciting and $600 changed hands.

Cyrus Siegfried, the gentlemanly and popular druggist, has received his diploma and degree of M. D. at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

Tuesday afternoon two sections of the brick round house belonging to the B. R. & P. R. R. gave way and the walls caved in. Considerable damage was done but no persons were injured.

On Monday evening the pupils of Mrs. Hibler gave a concert at the residence of Mrs. John Fey. The audience united in praise of the performers who acquitted themselves very creditably

Among the many sufferers from la grippe this week are the Misses McBurney, Mrs. C. F. Ball, Constable Finnerty, wife and family, George Bolling and H. H. North. Everybody has it or think they have

The calico hop for the benefit of the hospital promises to be a success. A great many tickets have been sold and the ladies in charge of the affair will see that nothing is wanting for the thorough enjoyment of all who attend

The death of Mrs. William Hart, aged 60 years has brought a feeling of profound regret to many friends of the estimable lady. She has been a resident of Bradford for a number of years. The remains were taken to Austin, Pa

Sunday morning an alarm called out the fire department. One of the stills of the Emery Manufacturing Co. burst, causing a big blaze and a cloud of black smoke. It was soon extinguished, however and the damage was slight

The Gentlemen's Athletic Club gave an exhibition of skill in the manly arts at their parlors last Monday. The program consisted of several sparring bouts and a ten round contest for points between J. J. Crowley and Sailor Brown

C. A. Horn, until lately employed by Godfrey A. Hunt, of the Bradford steam laundry has resigned his position as collector for that firm. He has purchased a street cleaner and in future will see to it that the Main street mud is a thing of the past

The directors of the New-York and Pennsylvania base ball league, met in Jamestown last Friday evening. Upon receipt of a telegram stating that Sam McBride had deposited $500 guarantee money in the First National Bank Bradford was admitted to the league. The season opens May 14 and closes September 17. Dunn, Armour, Haas and Jones, of last year's team, have been signed and Mr. McBride expects to have all the players here by the 20th

KINDALL CREEK.

Late suppers seems to be the fashion at present.

H. H. Barrus is now the victim of la grippe

Rev. J. H. Stoody is visiting at Alfred, N. Y. this week

Mrs. J. R. Almy has returned from a visit to Coudersport.

Hon. C. H. Foster has left for a visit to Hot Springs, Ark

M. A. Hagerty is absent on a business trip to Findlay, Ohio.

Mrs. O. T. Brown and family have returned from Titusville

W. W. Smith is recovering from a severe attack of the grip

Mrs. D. A. Easterbrooks is suffering from a serious attack of the grip

Mr. C. D. Gilbert, who has been seriously ill with the grip, is recovering

The firm of Calhoun & Son are enlarging and re-shelving their drug store

Mrs. C. M. Jones was called to Salamanca last week by the illness of her brother

S. H. Stever and family left Monday for Butler, Pa., where they will reside

It is rumored that Kendall is to have a weekly newspaper. There is nothing slow about us.

Frank Windsor has accepted a position in Punxsutawney. He left for that place on Monday

O. P. Spencer has enlarged and repaired his store. It now presents a very attractive appearance.

Mrs. Mary Fuller and Miss Susie Sherman represent the W. C. T. U. of this place at the convention held at Duke Centre Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week

The dime social given by the W. W. Society, at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Gormley, last Thursday evening was a marked success. A very pleasing program was rendered which was hugely enjoyed by all. A most edible lunch was served in an excellent manner. The young ladies are to be congratulated on their success as entertainers.

Miss Vandelia Varnum, of Titusville, lectured to crowded houses each evening of last week. The Sunday afternoon service at the M. E. church also drew an immense crowd. Miss Varnum is a delightful speaker. Her manner is bright and pleasing and her arguments clear and forcible. The temperance work in this place has received quite an impetus. Miss Varnum left Monday for Warren

CLERMONT.

The jolly bark peelers are again with us

Mrs. Hunt returned from Buffalo last Friday

F. Chalmers spent a few days in Kinzua last week

Miss Nellie McCready visited Smethport last Friday

The straw hat has made its appearance on our streets.

Billy Abbott has been having a vacation for the past few days

Miss Emma Holcomb has been quite ill, but is now convalescent

Mrs. G. R. Moore is the guest of her daughter Mrs. Farr this week

The C. I. and D. L. will play 'Saved by his Child' on the 24th inst.

F. H. Tate will move to the county seat some time in the near future

Miss Nellie Howard departed last week for an extended visit with friends in Erie.

Jimmie Carson of Four Mile spent Sunday in town. There must be some attraction

James Reidy has moved his family into the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Gorman

J. P. Hoffman of Smethport was at the Steinhauer House last week, taking photographs.

Mr. Milheam is the name of our new ticket agent. Mr. Rust has been assigned a better position in Buffalo

Why not have a base ball team? Some of our boys ought to get a jersey on and organize. We have plenty of good material.

George has again opened his bar on Main street and is doing a rushing business. Better be quiet or the authorities will get on to it. A word to the wise, etc

Everyone should attend the entertainment in Steinhauer hall Thursday evening, as a rare treat is promised. The C. I. and D. L. will give a social dance after the entertainment. All are cordially invited to attend

CERES.

J. J. Roberts is in Buffalo this week.

James Biggins was in town Monday

Mrs. L. J. Austin and Miss Flora Trumbol were in Olean Thursday

Mrs. W. H. Smith of Allentown, is passing a few days with Ceres friends

Mr and Mrs. G. B. Gillett, of Olean, were visiting in Ceres Wednesday

F. A. Chapman of Jamestown, was renewing old acquaintances here on Monday

Mrs. J. B. Brock returned Friday from an extended visit with friends in Austin

Neil Gleason, who was brought home from school, at Olean, sick with scarlet fever, is recovering

While playing in the old red mill, Charles Peabody had the misfortune to get a thumb badly hurt, breaking the bone and nearly severing it.

A couple of boys had a wreck with the triangle speeder on a grade near Slade's mill. The boys miraculously escaped unhurt, but the speeder was badly demoralized.

Since holding in the Olean Gas Co's No. 2 well, the gas has found vent through a shallow water well, a mile distant, and the same now being lighted produces fire and water.

Last Wednesday was a gala day at the residence of J. J. Roberts, it being the 78th birthday of his mother. There was a family gathering of all the living members. Among the guests from out of town were W. G. Roberts, of Eldred, Palmer Roberts and wife of Dunkirk, N. Y., Mrs. Butters, of Corry, Mrs. Gleason, of Portville, Mrs. Henry Terrett, of Myrtle. The festivities were kept up for several days and proved an oasis in the desert of life.

MT. JEWETT.

Y. H. Kreiner paid Bradford a visit on Saturday last.

Mr and Mrs. Guy Wyon returned from Bradford on Monday last.

H. H. Horner, of Wilcox, was a guest at the Brewer House last Saturday.

Mr and Mrs. A. G. Phillips spent last Monday with friends in Bradford.

Supt. Echols and County Commissioner Tate were in Mt. Jewett last Tuesday.

Miss Mary Richards, one of Mt. Jewett's teachers, visited Kane on Thursday last.

Mr and Mrs. Geo. Graff and children, of Mt. Alton, are visiting friends in Mt. Jewett.

Mr and Mrs. John Phillips, of Bradford, are in town, guests of Mr and Mrs. A. G. Phillips.

Robert Curry, who has been at work in the Butler oil field, is visiting his family in Mt. Jewett.

Mt. Jewett people still have hopes that Blaisdell Bros. will decide to erect their large kindling wood factory here.

Miss Myra Patterson went to Clarion, Pa., on Saturday last, where she will attend the spring term of the normal school

Will Brown and Cora Rudgerton, of Campbelltown, were married at the bride's house on Thursday evening of last week.

In the Mt. Jewett oil field at present there are five wells being drilled and several more will commence work as soon as derricks are erected and ready for business.

O. D. Mosser & Co. have recently purchased a small engine to move cars in their tannery yards. It looks like a small affair but O. B. says it will do the work.

KANE.

The new Town Hall is completed.

Many private sewers are being put in.

Place street lights are almost a thing of the past in Kane.

Sixteen dwelling houses are being erected on Haines street.

J. E. Buckley, of Olean, will locate in Kane in the near future

Louisa Hanks, of Olean, is visiting the family of Mrs A. G. Larson.

H. H. Corson is erecting fancy cedar posts on Bayley street for the electric lights.

L. D. Bassett will have the electric light in his large store room in a few days

J. D. Brooder and James McDade are putting the electric light into their dwellings.

The Doctors Kane are building an addition to the Woodside hospital and sanitarium

R. E. Looker has leased his commodious store to Mr Kerr of Olean, for a jewelry store.

John Shea is overhauling and refurnishing the St. Elmo, and will make it a neat, first-class hotel.

The excavation of the cellar of C. H. Kemp's new brick block is completed and the building will be erected at once.

H. H. Corson has erected a neat iron fence on the north side of the Kane House, and also around the veranda in front.

Dennis Claughessy is putting up a very fine pair of Berea stone steps in front of St. Callistus Catholic Church, on Chase street.

Frank Grace the contractor will employ 800 or more Italian laborers on his job of building ten miles of railroad at Emporium

J. B. Hoffer the enterprising Jeweler is building a fine residence on Biddle street. P. F. Borah should be the contractor, but we don't know

James Kline, the carriage painter, is turning out some fine work, a fair sample of which is the new delivery wagon of Hultberg the Fraley street grocer

Five times seven are thirty five—the population of Kane borough in hundreds. Are we entitled to five licensed hotels? We guess and await the result

Wm Torby has painted the Centennial Hotel and it now makes a very fine appearance. He is making many other needed and tasty improvements in and around the premises

T. F. Maxwell & Co. are clearing off the site for their mammoth planing mill door, sash and blind factory. The site is 160x300 feet, and is situated north of the Kinzua road and opposite the site of the once famous iron works.

Mrs. William Brenneman died at North Kane last week. She leaves a loving husband and several children to mourn their loss. The grief stricken ones have the sympathy of a vast circle of friends in their great bereavement over the loss of a good, noble and true Christian mother, woman and friend

Rev. J. P. Bignell Presiding Elder, preached two excellent and interesting sermons in the M. E. Church on Sunday last to large congregations. Communion services were held in the morning. The church has now a large membership and is steadily increasing under the pastorate of Rev. J. Bell Neff

COLEGROVE.

The youngest child of Mr. Kelso is very sick with a severe attack of croup

Cyrus Putnam is suffering from what appears to be an aggravated attack of erysipelas.

Mrs. John Crumbie is in Pittsburg at present where she was called by the illness of her mother

Mr and Mrs Peterson, of Olean came to Colegrove on Tuesday of this week to bury the remains of their youngest child. They formerly resided here and the sympathy of their friends is extended to them in their sorrow

The supper of many good things and the excellent music furnished was much enjoyed by the guests at the home of M. Scanlon on Thursday evening of last week. The party was given on the fifteenth anniversary of Miss Kate Scanlon's birthday

The sugar festival given by the W. C. T. U. last week, was at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Olmsted, who opened their house just in time as word was received that the ladies could not have the station building for such purposes

A basket supper will be given at the house of Mr and Mrs. A. W. Colegrove, on Tuesday evening April 21st. Every lady is requested to bring a basket containing a supper for two and to enclose her name and weight. Gentlemen are to receive and entertain the company. The proceeds of this supper are to be given to Rev. J. M. Leach. This is not to apply on salary but be a gift from those who would like to help him individually. A cordial invitation is given to everybody

THE ENEMY IN AMBUSH

Every one knows that this season of the year disease lies in ambush, ever ready to pounce and prey upon the weak. And any fair minded physician will tell you that the only safeguard lies in keeping the system thoroughly keyed up by the use (not abuse) of a reliable stimulant. Hundreds of tonics are advertised for this purpose, but experience shows that a pure rye whiskey is the only one to be depended upon. Max Klein's 'Silver Age' and "Duquesne" brands are sold under a sworn guarantee of absolute purity, an affidavit accompanies each bottle. "Silver Age" sells at $1 50 and 'Duquesne' at 1 25 per full quart bottle. The difference in age make the difference in price—both brands are warranted to be unadulterated

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No Vacation.

Special short courses and reduced rates for teachers and advanced scholars at Westbrook Commercial College during the summer. Shorthand graduates assisted to positions free of charge. Address E. D. Westbrook, Principal Olean N. Y.

EVERYBODYS' COLUMN

Items of Interest Gathered from Various Sources by the Man With the Shears.

—For fine tobacco, cigars, etc., go to Emil Thamm's. Fine stock and low prices

Rheumatism is quickly cured by using Arnica & Oil Liniment. For sale by H. L. McCoy and A. B. Armstrong

Ely's Cream Balm is worth its weight in gold as a cure for catarrh. One bottle cured me.—S. A. Lovell, Franklin, Pa

—Families, jobbers and everybody can be supplied with fresh and salt meats promptly upon application at Stull's, East Smethport, Pa

Said a noted man of 60 years, "my mother gave Downs Elixir for coughs and colds when I was a boy." For sale by H. L. McCoy and A. B. Armstrong

—Farmers and farmers sons who have a horse and rig at their disposal, and who are looking for profitable employment may secure positions worth from thirty to sixty dollars a week by addressing A. J. Potter, 3 East 14th St., New York

—Cortland county creamery butter can be found at J. H. Stull's meat market, East Smethport, Pa

ENGLISH Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavin, curbs, splints, sweeny, ring-bone, stifles, sprains, and swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong druggist, Smethport.

I suffered for more than ten years with that dreadful disease, catarrh, and used every available medicine which was recommended to me. I cannot thank you enough for the relief which Ely's Cream Balm has afforded me.—Emanuel Meyers, Winfield, L. I., N. Y.

I am an old man and have been a sufferer with catarrh for the last ten years. I am entirely cured by the use of Ely's Cream Balm. It is strange that so simple a remedy will cure such a stubborn disease.—Henry Billings, U. S. Pension Att'y, Washington, D. C.

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I have been a sufferer from catarrh for 20 years. I found immediate relief in the use of Ely's Cream Balm. Since using it I have not suffered a moment from headache, sore throat or loss of sleep, from which I previously suffered, caused by catarrh. I consider your Balm a valuable remedy.—R. G. Vassar, 56 Warren St., New York.

Carpets.

Just received, a fine assortment of carpets fresh from the looms, no old stock, and will be sold at lowest prices, at the Furniture and Carpet Store, Smethport, Pa.

Smethport Enterprise.

The well known and popular Druggist Frank R. Foster has taken the Agency for Dr Lee's Liver Regulator, which he recommends for the cure of Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Liver Complaint and all Blood Troubles. Trial bottles free.

It is a well known fact that Pan-Tina Cough and Consumption Cure has cured Consumption and Chronic Coughs and Colds when all else failed. Price $5 and 50 cents. Trial bottles free.

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Cold and moisture combined have a torporising effect upon the bodily organs, and the digestive and secretive processes are apt to be more tardily preformed in winter than in the fall. The same is true, also, of the excretory functions. The bowels are often sluggish, and the pores of the skin throw off but little waste matter at this season. The system, therefore, requires opening up a little, and also purifying and regulating, and the safest and surest and most thorough tonic and alterative that can be used for these purposes is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Persons who wish to escape the rheumatic twinges, the dyspeptic agonies, the painful disturbances of the bowels, the bilious attacks, and the nervous visitations, so common at this time of the year, will do well reinforce their system with this renowned vegetable stomachic and invigorant. It improves the appetite, strengthens the stomach, cheers the spirits, and renovates the whole physique.

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The Sisseton Indian reservation at the eastern boundary of South Dakota and containing one million acres of choice farming lands, has just been opened for settlement and offers to the homeseeker inducements that cannot be equalled. The soil is very fertile, the country well watered there being numerous small lakes within its boundary, and it is within a short distance of the twin cities of the Northwest, St Paul and Minneapolis insuring good markets almost at the settlers' doors

This is not a frontier reservation, but is surrounded on all sides by an old, well settled and prosperous country

The reservation will be held for actual settlers, only homestead entries of 160 acres each being permitted, and there is room for more than 6000 farms. To get the best, however, come early; first come, first served. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway is the only road which runs directly through the reservation. To reach it from the East buy tickets to Summit, S. D., Waubay, S. D., Wilmot, S. D., or Wheaton, Minn. Summit is within the reservation, the other stations on the border. All ticket agents in the United States or Canada sell tickets via the Chicago Milwaukee & St Paul Railway.

For further information, apply to Geo. H. Heafford, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill., or to Jno. R. Pott, G. P. A., Williamsport, Pa.

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Mr Frank Huffman, a young man of Burlington, Ohio, states that he had been under the care of two prominent physicians, and used their treatment until he was not able to get around. They pronounced his case to be Consumption and incurable. He was persuaded to try Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, Colds and at that time was not able to walk across the street without resting. He found, before he had used half a dollar bottle that he was much better, he continued to use it and is to-day enjoying good health. If you have any Throat, Lung or Chest Trouble try it. We guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free at F. R. Foster's Drug Store

B. H. & Co.

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BUFFALO, April 15, '91

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It has got abroad that our prices are low. This is not by accident. For a week past we've been selling Smith's best Moquette's at $1 25 a yard representing the best work, the best material and the best dye known to the trade. A grand collection of designs, as you will admit. Luxurious enough for any room in any home.

Over 80 patterns in all wool extra-super Ingrains at 65c, rich assortment of China mattings, linoleums, oilcloths, and the rest. Count the stock complete from begining to end. We know of none better within your reach

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The modern idea of decorative art looks to harmony and effect. Where will you find such a practical exemplification of all as right here? The upholstery section has come to be a sort of a school of instruction in the art of making a home beautiful. Our ability to teach the trade proves leadership, and that's all you and we care about it.

At present prices there can be no excuse for buying second or inferior goods.

Chenille curtains $4 50 a pair.
French velour curtains $20 a pair
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Also a farm to lease on shares.

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AND SO IS HOUSE-CLEANING,

To spend three or four days with us, and every woman has to make more or less preparation for it.

They must have either a new

CARPET

for one or more rooms, a few pair of

Lace Curtains,

a few MINETTO SHADES, with a

Pretty Dado, a few

RUGS,

or something of the kind.

We would like to say to you that we have now in stock a beautiful line of all these goodsan would be pleased to have you call and inspect our goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere. Our prices are away down within reach of all, and a careful inspection will easily convince you that the goods are first class and the

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General Merchants, METHPORT, PA.

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The Best and Cheapest lot of DOLLS ever brought into the town. Dressed Dolls from five cents up, worth twice as much.

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Story Books for the Children, Gift Books for Grown People.

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in fact everything to gladden the eye and please the hearts of the people.

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I have American Cashmere, all wool, which I am selling at 50 to 55 cents a yard, as good as imported goods at 75 cents, also a full line of Arcade Flannels, for women's and children's wear, warranted not to fade or shrink, together with a complete line of

JAMESTOWN DRESS GOODS,

warranted in the same way, that cannot be beaten in the world for price and durability. I also have a full line of Jamestown Hosiery, which pleases all my customers, and one of the finest stocks of

BOOTS, SHOES & RUBBER GOODS

in the country, and at the old prices, together with a new lot of Slippers for Christmas.

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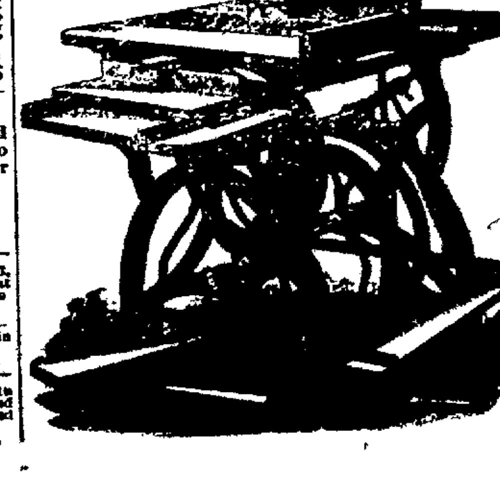
My stock of goods is so large and varied that it is impossible to mention even a small part of what I keep. Come to my store and prove for yourself that prices have not advanced, but are lower than ever before. If you do not see what you want call for it, and the goods will be cheerfully shown you.

D. C. YOUNG.

Smethport, Pa, Dec. 9, 1890.



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The Critics Do Not Retract Their Special Criticisms, but They Find Many Reasons for Admiring the General—His Modesty, Generosity and Patriotism.

Had Gen Grant lived till the 27th of April, this year, he would still have been but 69 years old. The great general really died young,—quite young, as age is now reckoned among public men. Gladstone is in the eighties. If Lincoln were alive he would be 81 and there are the best of reasons for thinking that his natural span would have exceeded that. Gen. Sherman was 71 Many heroes of the war are still older and yet vigorous. But Gen Grant died at 63

On the other hand, if we deduct all that part of his life before 1861 we see that the era of his great achievements was amazingly limited. In November 1861 he first began to be mentioned in the press as a prominent general." In 1877 he was again a private citizen without power to help or hurt except by mere influence. In 1883 he began to be spoken of as an invalid. Early in 1885 he was known to be slowly dying. It was a wonderfully brief career

ULYSSES S. GRANT

Some points in that career have been made much clearer by the searching analysis of the years since his death, and the fact most to be noted is the general agreement in honoring him by those who still criticise many of his acts. His political opponents have in no wise changed their views as to alleged errors in his administration military critics by the score insist, as firmly as ever that his Virginia campaign of May and June 1864 was a sad blunder, and nearly all men agree that he was no financier—nevertheless all agree in extending honor This may once have seemed a paradox, but now we see why each critic still finds much to admire

Among the features of his character which win all hearts generosity was most prominent There is not a line or recorded word to show that he ever felt envy of a brother officer Indeed if one may judge from what was said and written it is plain that he enjoyed the victories of others quite as much as his own His tributes to Sherman Sheridan Logan Blair and others grow more charming at each perusal No commander ever took more pains than he to see that each subordinate got all the credit to which he was entitled and many years after the war closed he was brave enough to admit that in a few cases he had done injustice to ask the public to pardon his error and congress to act in the interests of justice

With such generosity went equal magnanimity Down to Appomattox he was the aggressive soldier as soon as the word "surrender" was spoken Lee and all the Confederates became his fellow countrymen. It is extremely fortunate—perhaps one should say providential—that such a man held such high command exactly at the right place at such a time for the public. If the north was in a heated condition and the situation a few days later was in the highest degree perilous. It is almost certain that no man in the nation but Grant could then have given such liberal terms without being promptly overruled by the administration and condemned by the people. Yet such weight did his word carry that, despite the tragic death of the president, the same terms were rapidly extended to all other Confederates with general applause.

Once it was done, Grant was in that respect master of the situation. The short lived fury of President Johnson, after the assassination of Mr Lincoln, was gently curbed the proposition to inflict dire vengeance on Mosby and to prosecute others was very quietly thwarted, and, almost without the people knowing how it was done the paroles Grant had given acquired the sacredness of law It is not at all improbable that this act gave its color to all subsequent dealings with the defeated and that Federal and Confederate are more closely united than previous enemies ever were in so short a time, chiefly by this magnanimous act.

The habitual modesty and reticence of Gen. Grant for a time misled many into believing him indifferent to the treatment he received, but we now know that in the summer of 1862 he felt his position very keenly It was no mere stupid indifference that restrained him On two occasions later in life even his iron fortitude gave way under what he considered base treatment, and it is to be noted that in both these cases it was the element of ingratitude which chiefly moved him. No man was ever more determinedly true to those who had befriended him, and ingratitude seemed to him the one offense no man could be expected to forgive.

Generosity, magnanimity, patriotism, firmness and the ability to realize the true policy in dealing with the defeated—these are the qualities which men of all parties and factions now honor in honoring Gen. Grant. As to the rest, it is now tolerably certain that this generation will not reach an agreement. Twenty seven years have passed since the Virginia campaign began, yet it is fought over in the magazines as vigorously as ever and the public seem in no wise weary of reading about it. The difference of opinion seems about as great today as it ever was. And the same may be said of President Grant and it is an interesting fact that though changes of opinion occasionally occur they are as often in one direction as the other Even the eloquent Chauncey M Depew in the midst of a brilliant eulogy on the dead hero paused to say

> Gen. Grant the statesman, will not have his place among the greatest, but among those who were honest in their intentions, and did the best they knew how. Coming into office inexperienced, he acted up to the best lights he had. He had one unfortunate fault in a president and grand in a man he knew no faults in his friends. The calamities upon him came from the wretches who misused him.

It is certainly true that a quality which is a virtue in a private man may easily become a fault in a ruler, and the public sadly realized in the closing years of Gen Grant's life that his confidence in certain persons had resulted in treatment which broke his great heart. But these are mere blemishes, incident to all humanity, the fame of the man as patriot and soldier is secure J H BEADLE.

Grant Never Swore.

Dr. E D Kittoe, who was conspicuous in the Army of the Tennessee and the Army of the Mississippi during the war, was an intimate and confidential friend of Gen. John A. Rawlins, and held close relations with Grant himself. When the army was at Memphis, in 1862, Gen. McClernand became envious of Grant. Rawlins was a careful observer of McClernand's movements, and but for his vigilance the latter would no doubt have carried out the project which he was charged with entertaining. On one occasion a series of arrogant dispatches was received by Grant from McClernand. Rawlins read them, and took occasion to vent his sentiments regarding them, making the room fairly blue with profanity

"Now is your time, by ——," said Rawlins, addressing himself to Grant, "to show that fellow that he does not command the Army of the Mississippi"

Grant thought a moment, and finally said "Rawlins, you are no doubt right, but hadn't we better give him a little more rope? Perhaps he will hang himself." Then, turning to Dr Kittoe, Grant added, "Doctor do you know what I keep Rawlins for?"

"Because he is a very good officer, is it not, general?"

"Yes, partly that," continued Grant, "but more especially to do my swearing for me and to keep McClernand within bounds."

The only occasion which the doctor remembers when Grant used anything approximating to 'swearing" in the army was at Lexington, where an unscrupulous contractor had arranged to meet him at the hotel and parade him through the town to the depot. Grant instructed Dr Kittoe, who was with him, to procure a carriage quietly, and this being done the general left the hotel by the way of a back entrance and was hastily driven to the depot without being recognized

Just before the train started the contractor breathlessly entered the car and said, between gasps "General this will never do. You must come out and let me show you off"——

"Dog gone it!" said Grant, interrupting him at this juncture "do you think, sir I am going to exhibit myself like a prize beef at a fair?"—Chicago Tribune.

Dressed in a Little Brief Authority

When Gen Grant Vice President, and soon to be President Arthur and party on a special train reached Elberon where President Garfield lay dead, a gentleman in fine array appeared first on the platform His manner was haughty and the lofty poise of his head seemed to imply that he felt very much at ease with this world A New York newspaper reporter assigned to meet the train approached the gentleman with a casual inquiry, and was most pronouncedly snubbed. "We don't propose to be bothered by a lot of bummard reporters," quoth the gentleman, with an extraordinary emphasis on the "we" After disposing of this nice little sentiment the gentleman's haughtiness increased visibly He wasn't quite satisfied with the gentlemanly exhibition he had already made of himself but broke out again with 'We don't want you around here, any way Skip!"

THE GENERAL AND THE REPORTER.

Just at this moment the car door was thrown open a compact figure stepped out on the platform on his way to the ferryboat. He heard the agreeable remarks of the austere gentleman, and he turned around half in surprise, half in shame and then, as he recognized the reporter he genially extended his hand toward him and called out, "Come along with me my boy, and I'll tell you all about it."

The speaker was Gen Grant The haughty one was a secretary—taken on trial. It need scarcely be added that his trial was brief.

HE DIDN'T KNOW GRANT.

Unexpected Meeting of a Dispatch Bearer with the General.

The first time I saw Gen. Grant to know him said Maj Osmun to a knot of story tellers the other day 'was in the November of 1864 I was then attached to Hancock's headquarters, and was sent to carry a dispatch to Gen. Grant It was raining for all it was worth, and the mud about those Petersburg trenches was like glue Putting my horse to a gallop I was getting over the ground at a good rate, and soon I met and passed a solitary rider astride a little sorrel horse The man's slouch hat was pulled down over his eyes and the rain was coursing in streams down on the poncho in which he was closely wrapped. A moment later I came up with quite a group of riders, and catching sight of a lot of gold braid jumped at the conclusion that I had struck some general's staff I asked if they knew where Gen Grant was, and one of them said

'Why boy you've just passed him'

Without a word I wheeled my horse and dashed back to the solitary figure ahead. As I came up he seemed to take in the situation for he said sharply

' 'Who are you looking for, young man?'

' 'Are you Gen. Grant?' I asked eagerly

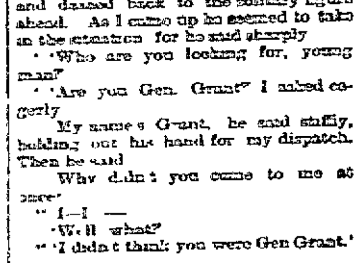
'My name's Grant, he said stiffly, holding out his hand for my dispatch. Then he said

'Why didn't you come to me at once'

" I—I —

'Well what?'

" 'I didn't think you were Gen Grant.'



GRANT AND THE DISPATCH BEARER.

" 'You didn't? Why didn't you?'

"I saw his eyes twinkle above his cigar that must have gone out three or four weeks before, it looked so bad. So I ventured to tell the fact

' 'Because I didn't suppose Gen Grant would ride such a looking horse as that'

' He burst out into a hearty laugh, and Gen Badeau told me afterward that it was the first time for a week he had heard Grant laugh. The general receipted on the envelope for the dispatch, and dismissed me saying

' 'The next time you are sent to Gen. Grant perhaps you will know him.'

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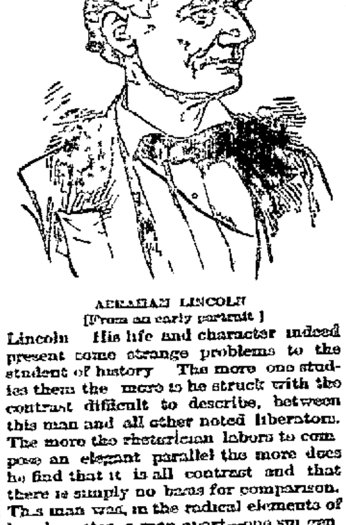
THE GREAT LIBERATOR.

APRIL 15 IS THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH.

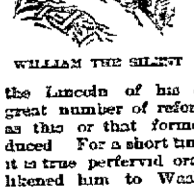
Remarkable Contrast Between Lincoln and Other Noted Liberators—William the Silent—William III of England. Cromwell—Bolivar—Washington.

The present, twenty-six years after his death finds the popular interest unabated in the personality of Abraham Lincoln His life and character indeed present some strange problems to the student of history The more one studies them the more is he struck with the contrast difficult to describe, between this man and all other noted liberators. The more the rhetorician labors to compose an elegant parallel the more does he find that it is all contrast and that there is simply no basis for comparison. This man was, in the radical elements of his character, a man apart—one sui generis.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN
[From an early portrait]

Pass the great liberators in review and observe how very striking the contrast is. There was William the Silent, founder of the Dutch republic Save that both were devoted to their country's freedom and died by the hands of fanatic assassins, there is not a point of similarity A sort of parallel has been attempted between Lincoln and Cromwell but the close student of both lives can only smile at it. When one thinks of the gloomy severity of William of Orange the man who 'praised and blamed, punished or rewarded, with the stern tranquillity of a Mohawk chief," and whose "freezing looks and short, dry answers made one's speech go back down his throat," he does not even pause to institute a comparison, for all is contrast.



WILLIAM THE SILENT

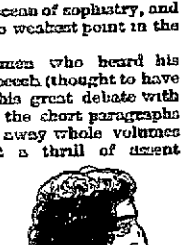
One often reads of Bolivar as the 'Washington of South America," and of Houston as the "Washington of Texas,' of this man as the Jackson of his time and of that one as the Cromwell of his country But it is doubtful if in all the voluminous literature of the last twenty five years one can find any man characterized as the Lincoln of his country, or any great number of references to Lincoln as this or that former worthy reproduced For a short time after his death, it is true perfervid orators occasionally likened him to Washington but the people though they honored both, instinctively felt that the parallel was ill chosen and failed to applaud. It would be difficult to cite two great men who were more unlike

The reasons for this singular isolation—a rhetorical loneliness one might call it—are well worthy of study The first thought is that the characters so far mentioned were warriors as well as statesmen while Lincoln never saw a battle and took no pleasure whatever in military display Although he served in the Black Hawk war he totally ignored holiday soldiering after he came home, and the musters and maneuvers of the Illinois militia in the 40's only made him laugh—as well they might. It is not known that he ever read a work on strategy or studied the history of any great war nor is it recorded that he ever paid the slightest attention to militia honors or even carried a gun in a Fourth of July parade, but it is recorded, and was painfully remembered by some, that militia officers were often the objects of his wit

OLIVER CROMWELL.

When, however, we summon the great statesmen who were not soldiers the contrast is equally great. Of Pitt it was said that he seemed without the ordinary weaknesses of humanity and only 'came occasionally into our sphere to counsel and decide." But Lincoln was always in our sphere. To the weakest woman or child, equally with the statesmen and soldiers, he was always thoroughly human always a manly man. The name of Gladstone at once brings thoughts of the cultured and classical—the scholar laboriously trained to statesmanship It is questionable if Lincoln knew fifty words in all other languages than English, save perhaps the Latin and Norman-French phrases in the law books, and these he always pronounced in the broadest southwestern fashion—the "method" which a local wag called the Ellinoy-Continental.

Some one has made a comparison with John of Olden-Barneveld, but that gruff statesman certainly possessed considerable scholarship, and his historical knowledge was great. If Lincoln was a reader of general history, aside from American, that fact does not appear in his speeches or state papers, but the lack of it is little loss. The main object of history in training the statesman is to teach principles, and Lincoln, in some mysterious way, had got a firm grasp of the principles without toiling over the details. His seems to have been one of those happily constituted intellects which, in certain fields of thought, have no need of laborious search among records and precedents, but by a divine instinct steer straight across an ocean of sophistry, and strike infallibly the weakest point in the citadel of error



WILLIAM III OF ENGLAND.

All intelligent men who heard his Charleston (Ills) speech (thought to have been the best in his great debate with Douglas) say that the short paragraphs in which he swept away whole volumes of sophistry sent a thrill of assent through the whole vast audience and that every hearer understood them perfectly. And this brings us to the true solution of the seeming paradox. While in many things he fell behind the statesmen and liberators mentioned, in one talent he surpassed them all—he understood human nature, and particularly the nature of the American people. In any judgment that required that sort of knowledge in the last ten years of his life he never once failed; or if, as some assert, he did fail in one important instance, it was only because he credited the people with a more rapid advance than they had then made, and they soon came up to his position.

It is intensely interesting to note how accurately this one mental faculty worked during the war, even when he was utterly perplexed on military or technical matters. Of the effect of movements in the field he often confessed his ignorance and his fears, but as to the effect of this or that movement on the people his instinct was unerring His mind seemed like a delicately adjusted barometer, that recorded every day the exact feeling of the great middle class of the people, and after listening one hour to the so-called radicals who insisted on more positive action, and the next hour to those who protested that the radicals were ruining the country, he seemed to know "just how much the people would stand " as he expressed it

WILLIAM PITT

Viewed in the light since thrown upon it, his equipoise while one faction was hammering him on one side and the extreme opposite faction hammering on the other and each faction vehemently asserting that 'the troops from our section will throw down their arms' if this is done or that is not done, seems little short of inspiration. When the one party broke out in denunciations he told them calmly that he must 'hold the border states,' and when the other protested angrily he pointed out in a way that convinced the most angry that "the sooner the union is restored the more nearly will it be the union as it was." Hence the logic was irresistible, the only true policy for those who wanted no change was to unite all their energies in restoring the union

And it is wonderful how quickly the people "caught on," as we now say The men of the two extremes made the most noise, but they were not the people—not even a large minority of the people Between them was the great and truly conservative middle section—and in this instance the middle section was to a great extent geographical as well as political Abraham Lincoln was one of them he thoroughly understood them, and by that knowledge he guided the nation through the storm to union and peace J H BEADLE.

Lincoln's Law Student.

In 1837 Abraham Lincoln located as a lawyer in Springfield, then a city of 1,800 people, and far more prominent, therefore, than now And there, in that profession, with various changes of partnership, he remained till he left it in 1861. Mr John H. Littlefield, an artist of Brooklyn, N Y, who studied law under Lincoln, gives these interesting reminiscences

> I was a young man then, and had gone to Springfield from Grand Rapids, Mich. to study law under Messrs Lincoln & Herndon, lawyers. I arrived Saturday night, and Sunday morning took a stroll from the hotel with a companion. A tall, melancholy looking man, leading a little boy passed us. My companion said, 'That is Abraham Lincoln and his boy Tad.' I confess I was not prepossessed with his personal appearance After I became a student in his office his wonderful magnetism and greatness grew upon me until I became his most ardent admirer and supporter It was very pleasant studying law under such a genial and kind hearted man. He always looked melancholy when his face was in repose He read very little but thought very much. His favorite position when unraveling some knotty law point was to stretch both of his legs at full length upon a chair in front of him
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> In this position with books on the table near by and in his lap he worked up his case No matter how deeply interested in his work if any one came in he had something humorous and pleasant to say and usually wound up by telling a joke or an anecdote I have heard him relate the same anecdote three times within as many hours to persons who came in at different periods and every time he laughed as heartily and enjoyed it as if it were a brand new story His humor was infectious I had to laugh because I thought it funny that Mr Lincoln could enjoy a story so repeatedly told There was no order in the office at all Mr Lincoln sometimes put on a new suit of clothes but in a few hours its newness disappeared

A very curious feature in the general Lincoln history is that the family had apparently entered on a rapid decline some time before Abraham was born The Lincolns of New England and Pennsylvania stood high The elder Abraham Lincoln left the valley of Virginia with some substance Yet the next generation ranked among the poorest of "poor whites " while in the great liberator the old stock was renewed

IN LINCOLN'S LAW OFFICE

How a Man Charged with Murder Was Successfully Defended

The morning I entered the office Mr Lincoln and his partner, William H Herndon were both present Mr Lincoln addressed his partner thus 'Billie, this is the young man of whom I spoke to you Whatever arrangement you make with him will be satisfactory to me Then turning to me he said 'I hope you will not become so enthusiastic in your studies of Blackstone and Kent as did two young men whom we had here Do you see that spot over there?' pointing to a large ink stain on the wall 'Well one of those young men got so enthusiastic in his pursuit of legal lore that he fired an inkstand at the other one's head and that is the mark he made I immediately began to clean up about the office a little Mr Lincoln had been in congress and had the usual amount of seeds to distribute to the farmers These were sent out with Free Soil and Republican documents. In my efforts to clean up I found that some of the seeds had sprouted in the dirt that had collected in the office

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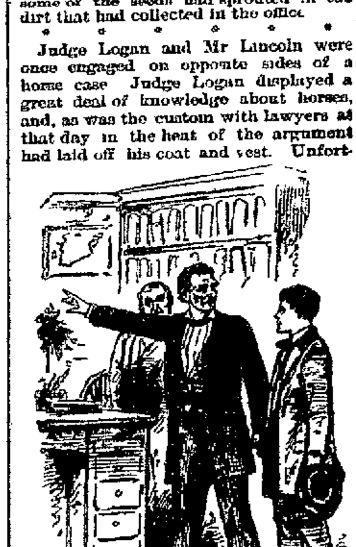
Judge Logan and Mr Lincoln were once engaged on opposite sides of a horse case Judge Logan displayed a great deal of knowledge about horses, and, as was the custom with lawyers at that day in the heat of the argument had laid off his coat and vest. Unfortunately for him he had put his shirt on hind side before When he had finished Mr Lincoln arose and asked his opponent if he would please rise The judge complied. "Will you please turn your back to the jury? Now, gentlemen of the jury,' said Lincoln, "what sort of value can you place upon Judge Logan's knowledge of horses when he doesn't know enough to put his shirt on right side foremost when he comes into court?" A roar of laughter followed this sally, and when Mr. Lincoln had finished his argument the jury gave a verdict in his favor.



"DO YOU SEE THAT SPOT?"

Mr. Lincoln was engaged in a case which made a great deal of stir in Illinois while I was a student in his office. One Greek Crafton, a strong, burly fellow, was paying attentions to a young lady living in the vicinity of Springfield. She had another suitor at the same time by the name of Quinn Harrison. Crafton told Harrison if he didn't cease his attentions to the young lady he would thrash him. Harrison replied that if he made an attack upon him he would defend himself. Crafton one day came to the postoffice, and seeing Harrison reading a newspaper, threw his arms around him and tried to hold him. Harrison struggled away, and drawing a dagger plunged it into Crafton's vitals. Crafton's lawyers claimed on the trial that he acted in self defense

I was in the court when Mr Lincoln made his speech before the jury for Harrison He used this illustration. "In the early days a party of men went out to hunt the wild boar When the game was seen one of the hunters immediately climbed a tree, the other seized the game by the ears, and after several ineffectual tussles with him he cried to his companion, who was up the tree, 'For God's sake, Jim, come down and help me to let go'" Mr Lincoln made this application of the story "If Crafton took hold of Harrison in self defense, it follows logically that he would have to continue to hold him for all time, and that eventually he would require some one to help him let go" The jury gave a verdict of acquittal for Mr Lincoln's client —From Reminiscences by J H Littlefield

Lincoln's Last Words.

The Rev Dr N W Miner, for a long time pastor of the First Baptist church, of Springfield, Ills , and a close friend of Lincoln thus spoke of the way the president returned the salutes of soldiers

> Lincoln was a great lover of the people, and his sympathies were always with them. His disposition in this regard did not change when he became president. Dr Miner rode with him in a carriage through Washington during the war They passed a number of detachments of soldiers Whenever they passed a private soldier the president, in return to the salute made by the soldier, generally rose from his seat in his carriage and made a low bow. He showed, if anything more consideration for the private soldier than for the officers.

Dr Miner also thus spoke of Lincoln's Christianity

> Lincoln, although not a very regular attendant at church, was a very good Christian man, and always relied on divine assistance to help him bear the burden placed on his shoulders.
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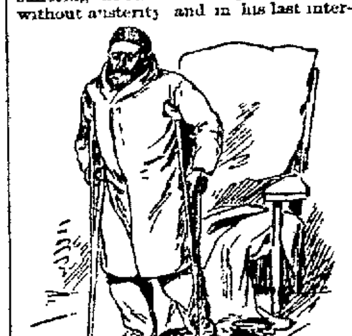
> Shortly before he was assassinated he told his wife that if he was spared to serve out his second term he would take a trip to the Holy Land He liked to walk in the paths which Jesus trod. The last words which he uttered to his wife were, "There is no city in all the world I so much desire to see as Jerusalem." The last word was scarcely uttered when the ball passed through his brain.

Since Abraham Lincoln issued his immortal proclamation over thirty million serfs and slaves have been emancipated The work even then begun has been completed in Russia, slavery is abolished in Brazil and is in course of extinction elsewhere For the second time in history slavery is dying out of the civilized world.

Grant's Liberality Toward the South.

Many things in the later years of Grant's life were painful to contemplate, but when all hope of recovery was gone the innate heroism of the man shone out in a way that thrilled the hearts of all Americans When he could only move from his chair by the aid of crutches, and when every hour was an hour of suffering he still looked upon the world without austerity and in his last interview with Governor Buckner of Kentucky (the Gen Buckner of Fort Donelson) he uttered such pleasant words of cheer for the south that the old Confederate was moved to tears The aged Federal chief painfully hobbling across the room on crutches yet uttering glowing words of comfort to his former foe, was indeed a heroic figure



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Considerably frustrated, he undertook to apologize but the genial old soldier put the laugh upon the speaker by drawing from his own pocket a match box and saying "Sharpe, I am always armed for such a great emergency as this. I have been in close quarters before now, but I never yet found myself with a cigar and no match to light it with "

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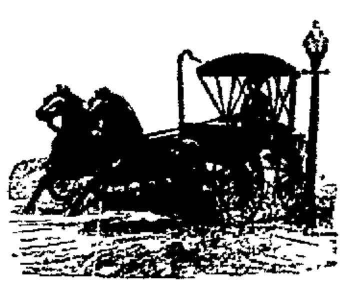

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